

SUNDAY 20TH April, 2025, Easter Sunday.

The Rev Morna and Churchwardens would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter.



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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday 20th April, 9:30am in Church

Tuesday April 22nd 11am in Church

Easter Choral Evensong 6pm.

Hymn Board

Procession: 147 Jesus Christ is Risen today

Gradual: 158 The Lord is Risen indeed

Office: 157 The day of Resurrection

Communion: 150 Loves Redeeming work is done

Anthem: The Strife is O'er- Ley

Recessional: 160 Thine be the glory.

Please remember in your prayers this week

the sick

Nesta Sumpter, Janice Pinnock, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher.

Janet Maclean, Nina Beetson, Oliver Grigg, and Tracey Hawkes and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:-

Alice Shipton and Marion Murkett. **Also, those who have died recently please pray for Nancy Titman, Sheila Scott, Fr John Marshall, Jean Rochester, David Horn, Bob Haseldine and Velma Munns.**

Please Note:- The Prayer Course

The Prayer group will start again in May. Dates and times to be announced.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Mary Wilson and Carol Mitchell

For their dear friend Velma Munns who sadly passed away on 11th April 2025. R.I.P.

Easter Flowers.

Thank you to all those who donated towards the Easter Flowers for family, friends and in memory of people. Harry Arnold, Maureen and Peter Sutton, Betty and Dave Cheney, Ros Ablett, Bryan Williams, Mrs Sylvia Bramley, Jacqui Minchington, Bob Haseldine, Pat Richardson, Kevan and Rita Chapman. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful display of flowers. They create a welcoming atmosphere. We are very fortunate to have so many willing volunteers.

Summer fair requests

Any help with the following would be much appreciated;

. Donations of jigsaws would be welcome - see Colin
. Donations of small tombola prizes appreciated - see Joanne N or Jean

. Raffles prize donations welcome - see Philip Powis

. Plants see Joyce

Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget to collect a ticket from Julie or Julia to go on the hunt for the little chicks. Depending on the weather this will either happen inside or outside. If outside we will be placing them away from the busy bee's and standing headstones but please be careful of uneven ground.

VE Day 80th Anniversary - As part of a day of events, a of reflection and celebration will be held in Church Thursday 8th May at 7:30pm.

Still need Offers to make cakes for Christian Aid Coffee morning for the Chapel Saturday May 10th and Church Fete

See Julie or Jane

Cafe Church

From May we will be trying something different on the 2nd Sunday. On May 11th will be meeting at 9:30am, in the Mission Room enjoying breakfast and a chat with poems, music and crafts. This is something new and we will see how it goes but we hope by casting our net on the other side we can find those who want to find faith but are not comfortable to come to Church. There will be a 2nd service on the Sunday afternoon in Church for holy communion with 'Smells and Bells'.

Heating Update

As you know the outcome of the problem was more catastrophic than originally identified, from a simple leak to major pipe failure. We needed to seek professional advice and seek guidance from Diocesan Advisor Committee, who sent a heating advisor to assess the situation his report was submitted to the DAC then later released to St Mary's. This has resulted in us having to carry out our own audit and consider our ability to meet the Church of England's ambition of working towards a carbon net zero target by 2030. We have appointed a heating consultant who will consider a suitable design and seek to tender for the work. Once we know the cost we can submit a faculty application and seek permission from the DAC to carry out the required work. While this background work is underway, we are putting together a fundraising campaign and considering grant applications to cover the costs.

Kathryn

Kathryn the Great because:-

Thank you for coming to the Church's assistance during a difficult time some many months ago, thank you for leading the choir as Director of Music since then, (unpaid), thank you for giving us such a variety and considerable amount of enjoyable music during the services, thank you for being you Kathryn. Finally, thank you Fr Stan for having such a talented wife.

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Collect:- God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawn and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Old Testament:- A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain says the Lord. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**

Congregation response to Psalm 118:-This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

R

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!'

R

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

R

'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.' I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.

R

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

R

Second Reading:- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as

judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

This is the name of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Hear the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been

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lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer:- God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**