

SUNDAY 6TH April, 2025, Passion Sunday.



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Sunday Link

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Services this week:

Sunday 6th April, 9:30am in Church

Tuesday April 8th 11am in Church

Hymn Board	
Procession:	101 All ye who seek fur sure relief
Gradual:	460 Help us O Lord to learn
Office:	499 Lift high the Cross omit * verses
Communion:	Plainsong
Anthem:	God so loved the world - Stainer
Recessional:	109 It is a thing most wonderful

**Please remember in your prayers this week
the sick**

Lauren, Janice Pinnock, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher. Janet Maclean, Nina Beetson, and Tracey Hawkes and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:-

. Also, those who have died recently please pray for Nancy Titman (106), Sheila Scott, Fr John Marshall, Jean Rochester and Bob Haseldine and his family.

Please Note:- The Prayer Course

Throughout lent we are looking at The Prayer Course (<https://prayercourse.org/home/>) in groups meeting on Tuesday from 3pm or Thursday from 7pm at the Vicarage - do join us. **There will be no Tuesday prayer group on Tuesday 8th, Thursday 10th at 7pm is unaffected.**

Floodlight Sponsorship

Georgie Grigg

In memory of Peter Grigg on what would have been his 87th birthday on 11th April.

Barry Wadeson

In memory of his beloved wife Linda who was laid to rest on 11th April 2016.

Annual General Meeting Today Reports for the annual general meeting being held 6th April at 11am in Church are now available at the back of Church.

Summer Fete and Crowning the May Queen. Saturday 17th May

Churchyard. Volunteers needed please speak to a Churchwarden, Jane, Christine Chapman or Events Group. member. Still need Volunteers to make cakes for Church Fete, donations for a plant stall, someone for a Church Stall. Call for all former May Queens and May King for a Photo shoot 17th at midday

Church windowsills for Easter

Church will be open on Saturday 19th April.

Easter Flowers :-The box for donations for Easter flowers will be by door.

Lent and Easter services

A detailed guide will be available to provide information on all services and times for Lent and Easter from next week, this will be emailed or contact list, paper copies are available for those who require a hard copy.

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

See Julie or Jane

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

Cafe Church - From May we will be trying something different on 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 a 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 at 7pm in Church for holy communion with 'Smells and Bells'.

April's Family Funday- We will be on tour as we support the community centre next Sunday 13th April 11-3pm. We will be offering a selection of Easter crafts, there will be a small entry charge in support of the community centre.

Bob's funeral will be held in Church on Friday, April 11th at 2.30pm
Stations of the Cross.

Throughout Lent we will be meditating on the Stations of the Cross at the end of each service. This is an opportunity to enter into Jesus' journey to the cross a few stations at a time. During Holy Week all of the Stations will be available to pray through, whilst the Church is open from 10am until 2pm each day.

Joyce Williams

I was hoping that you kind people would help me out by donating to my stall for the Summer Fete on May 17th. If you could bring the items on the day or leave them in the Church porch I would be most obliged. Thank you
Joyce

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Collect:- Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reply to Psalm 126 The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

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Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

R

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

R

.New testament A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already

obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me

his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer:- Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen