

NOTICES

Interested in church governance?

We've got vacancies on the PCC (Parochial Church Council) at St Peter's!

What is the PCC? The Parochial Church Council the governing body of the church. It is a team made up of members of clergy and lay members of the church. Together the team members are responsible for the overall wellbeing (practical as well as spiritual) of their church, church members, and the church buildings. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the church within the wider community. Elections will be held at the APCM meeting. Please speak with Rev Andy Smith for more details or contact the church office.

.April Prayer Focus:

1 Peter 1:3-4 Praise to God for a Living Hope

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

Reflection: Through Easter we have again remembered the cost of our salvation, the way Jesus was forsaken and left alone by His Father, to take our sin on Himself. We celebrated Jesus' resurrection from death. With the death and resurrection of Jesus we have freedom to access God our Father without having to use a priest as an intermediary as in Old Testament times or have to bring sacrifices to God to atone for our wrongdoing. We are such a privileged people.

Over the coming weeks let us remind ourselves what we have been saved from (an eternity cut off from Father God) and truly give thanks to Him for His salvation plan.

As Church family, let us encourage each other with this Good News.



Sunday 21st April 2024



Today's Services and Events – Easter 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion.
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist.
- 11.00am Informal Gathering.

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this. The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Mon 22nd April 2pm: Funeral of the late Lorna Smith,
- Tues 23rd April 10.00am: Holy Communion,
- Tues 23rd April 7.30pm Prayer Meeting,
- Weds 24th April 12pm: Funeral of the late Mary Smith,
- Friday 26th April 10.00am - Choir Practice,

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 28th April 2024

- 8.00am Holy Communion.
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist.
- 11.00am Informal Gathering.
- 3.30pm APCM at Church House (gathering from 3pm for cream teas),
- 6.30pm The Space.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

¹¹Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:27-32

²⁷After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

²⁹Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Post Communion:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers this Week:

For those who are sick, in special need or housebound. Mark Bartlett, Dave Cockram, Colin Hemming, Ella Graves, Stuart Pickett, Eileen Pieters, Helen Shepherd (Pat Bullman's daughter).

For the family and friends of those who have died: Pauline Collins, Marilyn James, Lorna Smith, Mary Smith.

