

## NOTICES

### APCM and Church Electoral Roll:

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), will be held on: **Sunday 21st April at 3.30pm, gathering from 3pm for cream teas. Venue: Church House (next to Lidl, opposite the church building).** This annual meeting is open to everyone who is on the St Peter's Electoral Roll and reports on parish activities and financial matters. We hope to see you there! Forms to join the church electoral roll are available on the welcome table and the church website.

**Prayer Focus: Psalm 81:7-9** In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. 8 Hear me, my people, and I will warn you—if you would only listen to me, Israel! 9 You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me. **James 1:22-24** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **Reflection:** How do we listen to God? How do we know that He is speaking to us? Scripture tells us of the many times that God's chosen people, the Israelites failed to listen to Him. When things became tough, they hankered after the old days of slavery and capture in Egypt, but His patience, His Grace is without bounds. It can be difficult to hear God at times, let alone listen to Him through all the busyness and difficulties that can crowd in on us at times. Many things compete for our attention each day. We need to find a secret or quiet place where we can regularly spend time alone with God reading our Bibles and being open to see what happens. Practice spending time with God, reading His Word. He speaks in many and varied ways at various times in our lives. This month, let's all give serious listening a try. When we've experienced God speaking into our lives, (it may be from the Bible, another person, or perhaps God will give us a thought or a picture) write it down and be prepared to tell someone else about it so that we can encourage each other to continue listening.



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024



### Today's Services and Events – Lent 5

- 8.00am Holy Communion.
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist.
- 11.00am Informal Gathering – Children's Groups.

*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 18<sup>th</sup> March: 9.45am School Rehearsal.
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm PCC Meeting.
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am – Holy Communion.
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm – Prayer Meeting.
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> March: Bengeworth Academy Easter Service.
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March: 8.15am St Richards Easter Service.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00am - Choir Practice.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 10am – School Assembly.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 1.30pm – Jordan Gurney Funeral.

### Next Sunday's Services and Events – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

- 8.00am Holy Communion.
- 10.00am Palm Sunday Service.

### **Collect:**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

<sup>6</sup>And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup>and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him <sup>10</sup>and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

### **Gospel Reading: John 19:28-30**

<sup>28</sup>Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. <sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### **Post Communion:**

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.

**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:** Jordan Gurney, Adam, Lucy, and Jordan (surname unavailable).

