

NOTICES

APCM New Date:

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), will now be held on: **Sunday 28th 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.



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Sunday 24th March 2024



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Today's Services and Events – Palm Sunday

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

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

- Tues 26th March: 10.00am – Holy Communion.
- Tues 26th March: 7.30pm – Prayer Meeting.
- Thurs 28th March: 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Meal.
- Friday 29th March 10.00am - Choir Practice.
- Friday 29th March: 11.00am – 4pm Good Friday Easter Experience.
- Sat 30th March: 11am – Ashes burial for Violet Lamb.

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 31st March 2024

- 8.00am Holy Communion.
- 10.00am Easter Service.

Please note: there will be no 9.15am or 11am services due to the combined Easter service.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Mark 11:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Gospel Reading:

None this week due to Palm Sunday Service changes.

Post Communion:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

