



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Happy Easter

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed. Death has been conquered, the sting of the grave has been removed, because JESUS IS ALIVE. Alleluia.

Paul reminds us that when Jesus was raised from the dead, he was seen and met by a number of disciples. And all of their lives were changed, not just changed but transformed. And they were so convinced of His resurrection, and filled with so much joy that they could not do anything but go and tell others about it.

Do you know that Jesus is alive? Have you met the risen Saviour for yourself, and have you accepted Him into your life as Lord and Saviour. If you have not yet come to see the Lordship of Jesus in your life, then you need to do so now. For today is the day of salvation. If you want to know how to meet this risen Jesus for yourself, then do talk to me or one of the Lay Ministers in the church and we will be very pleased to help you.

If you have met the risen Christ, how has that changed and impacted your life? Are you living for the Lord? Is it your desire to share this good news with others? I sincerely hope so, for without your testimony many may die not knowing the truth about Jesus' resurrection.

His resurrection brings hope to all who will die, if they will but believe in Him. The apostle Paul says, "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." Philippians 3:10-11; (NRSV)

Jenny and I wish you a very blessed and Joyous Easter. For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Trip to Hereford Cathedral

There is a coach going from St Stephens 9.20am on Saturday 14th April to Hereford Cathedral to see the Poppy Window. The iconic poppy sculpture Weeping Window by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper opened at the cathedral on Wednesday 14 March. The work will be on site until 29 April 2018 as part of the final year of 14-18 NOW's UK-wide tour of the poppies.

Senior tea Thank you to Eileen and all who helped at the Senior tea last Sunday, a good time was had by all.

Care of Church grounds I have been asked to get together a work team to take care of outside the church. If anyone has any spare time and is interested in helping, would they see me please.

This will be on Tuesdays or Saturdays when the weather picks up, hopefully starting in April. Jobs include weeding, litter picking, outside window cleaning, clearing leaves and general tidying of garden and path areas.

Many thanks, David Jones

Celebratory Service There will be a celebratory evening Parish service after Easter at St John's, where those undertaking lay ministry will be commissioned, refreshments will be served after the service.

If you would like to provide cakes, fruit or help serve drinks please speak with Sharon or Barry, but most importantly please do join us at this very special time.

Data Protection New regulations about data protection come into force in May this year. To help us ensure we comply, the DCC need to know about any personal data on paper or computer in connection with church activities. If you have any, please speak to Barry Humphrey.

Reports Barry needs your report that is to be included in the annual report, as soon as possible. Thank you

Rachel Summerfield Rachel sadly passed away on 5th March at the age of 45. Her funeral will be next Monday 9th April at Redditch Crematorium at 1:15pm. Rachel used to worship at St. John's with her parents.

AGM Please note the date of the AGM has been changed to Monday 16th April, please put the date in the diary and do come along.

Services

Easter

- 10:30am Family Communion with Revd. Ian Evans
John 20:1-18 'Easter Day Resurrection'
- 6:30pm Easter Praise Communion with Revd. Richard Harding

Next Sunday - Easter 2

- 10:30am Worship for All with Revd. Garth Nathaniel & Vicki Quarton.
Luke 24:13-35 'The road to Emmaus'
- 6:30pm Evening Worship with Paul Lawler

Diary dates

Thurs 9:30am Holy Communion - St. John's, followed by coffee morning.

Mon 16th April 7:30pm St. John's AGM - St. John's Church

Thurs 10th May 7:30pm Joint Ascension Day Service - St. Peter's

Lectionary Readings - Easter

- M Acts 2.14, 22-32; Ps 16.1-2, 6-end; Mt 28.8-15
- Tues Acts 2.36-41; Ps 33.4-5, 18-end; Jn 20.11-18
- Wed Acts 3.1-10; Ps 105.1-9; Lk 24.13-35
- Thurs Acts 3.11-end; Ps 8; Lk 24.35-48
- Fri Acts 4.1-12; Ps 118; 1-4, 22-26; Jn 21.1-14
- Sat Acts 4.13-21; Ps 118.1-4, 14-21; Mk 16.9-15

Laughing Gardener RHS Tutor and Local Radio Presenter Darren Rudge aka "The Laughing Gardener". Darren will be at St Stephens April 21st at 2pm with top Gardening tips, demonstrations and Gardeners Question Time.

Tickets £5 from the Word Shop

Collect for the week Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we , being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Call Ann Donovan (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 527789.

Please pray for:

- ❖ Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.
- ❖ Licensed Lay Ministers – Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.
- ❖ Wardens – Barry Humphrey and Sharon Forrest.
- ❖ Those looking for work or starting new jobs
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Alex Hospital: Staff, patients & chaplaincy team serving the community.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell - Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Those in our town hearing the good news of Jesus over Easter.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our security services working to keep us safe.
- ❖ The Faith at Work Chaplaincy team who are working alongside the staff of Marks & Spencers and the business community in the town at a time of change and challenge.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Kenchester Close Matchborough, Berkeley Close Winyates Green, Hampton Close Woodrow, Shawbury Close Winyates.

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