Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 7th April 2024 Second Sunday of Easter



8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome!

Remember to bring your order of service for the 10am service.

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 927 480 8728 / Passcode: 889123).

- 3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone
- a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then # Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service

Collect for The Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 53

Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness; there is no one that does good.
- 2 God has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth, to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God.
- 3 They are all gone out of the way; all alike have become corrupt; there is no one that does good, no not one.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as if they ate bread, and do not call upon God?
- 5 There shall they be in great fear, such fear as never was;
- for God will scatter the bones of the ungodly.
- 6 They will be put to shame, because God has rejected them.
- 7 O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!

When God restores the fortunes of his people then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Romans reading for today: Romans 7, 14-25

A Gospel reading for today, John 20. 24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children of all ages, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions, stories, crafts, puzzles, and even some acting for those that want ... for all ages to share together; then various age related activities). We also have an older group breakout session on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month Today, we'll be learning about the story of

the road to Emmaus (*Luke 24. 13-35*) and sharing some Hot Cross Buns, as Jesus shared a meal with the two followers.



Our Godly Play Easter Display

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

Have you enjoyed our choral music this Easter? We are delighted with the recommencement of our young person's choir – If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people and welcome the support of those who would like to help contribute to these.



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The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Easter Reflection

If you haven't already had the opportunity, do take some time to visit the church and enjoy our beautiful floral arrangements, Easter displays and prayers.

Lady Day Service for the MU East Cluster, Monday 8th April, 11am, St James -'Encouraging each other in serving God'. MU members and friends are warmly welcome to this service (refreshments served afterwards)

Holy Communion, Wednesday 10th April, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 10th April, from 10:45 for 11:15am - Worship for babies/toddlers; with a story, singing and instruments too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a chance for the children to play beforehand in the WCC, if you can. We gather in the WCC and walk across to the Lady Chapel at 11:15am for a short worship.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 13th April, 9:30am - A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.



Psallite Concert with Richard Carr, next Saturday 13th April, 6-7:30pm - Come and enjoy this concert, in memory of Jacqui Goddard, a long-standing member of this congregation, with an especial love for all forms of music at St Michael's. Psallite women's choir was formed in 1994 by flautist, singer and conductor Nancy Hadden. She has created an impressive and unusual repertoire of early music for women's voices, drawn from music for high voices and also pieces which Nancy has arranged from music originally for mixed choir. Works in this concert feature Aichinger, Britten, Cloud, Feroci, Gjielo, Piazolla, Rheinberger and Victoria. Free Entry, Collection for St Michael's Church. For more information, visit the Music Page on our website.

Bereavement Journey Course, Thursdays for 6 weeks from 18th April, 10am-12:30pm - For anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. There is a series of films and discussion groups looking at grief, within a safe space. You are welcome to have a preliminary discussion with a team member: June Knight, Vivienne Emmett, Liz Puller, or email Alison Jordan on alisonfaith1111@gmail.com

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 25th April - These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

TLC Tuesday, 7th May in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm - Join tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. Later in the afternoon we welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play and enjoy a biscuit/cake/fruit snack. Do come along...and tell your friends too! This coming month, Margaret Webb will be our speaker, talking about her work with the charity, Rotary Jaipur Limb.

Annual Meetings - Our Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after worship on the morning of 26th May. The Electoral Roll will be revised from 31st March to 28th April. See notices/forms for details. If you can consider offering service as a Parochial Church Council (PCC) member for 2024-27 (5 Monday meetings annually, at 7:45pm), please speak to a Churchwarden, Minister, or current PCC member. Many thanks.

HBW, Monday 5th - Friday 9th August, Windhill21 - This year's theme is 'There's a world out there' and registration for children and sign up for volunteers is now available.

Small part-time job available - We are looking for a cleaner for the WCC: 5 hours a week, flexible hours. If you're interested, please contact Gill, Claire, or the Parish Office.

Volunteer Chaplaincy - Are you interested in becoming a chaplaincy volunteer visitor? Princess Alexandra Hospital is planning to run a training course for interested potential new chaplaincy volunteers. The ten-week course will run every Tuesday evening starting on Tuesday 16th April, from 6:30-8:30pm. paht.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call 01279 973407/973183 to book your space.

Parish Register for March

We remember in our prayers the families of Angela Armstrong, Peter Sanders and Mark Scott, whose funerals took place last month.

Details of all services and events are available on the Calendar page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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