

Notices week commencing 9 April 2023

Hallelujah - He is Risen!

Regular events:

Our regular events will not take place for 2 weeks during the school holidays.

Tuesday Church House: 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only.

Wednesday Church House: 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only

Other Notices:

Tuesday 11 April: 13:30 - 16:00 Mothers' Union Meeting, Church House

Wednesday 12 April: No Communion this week.

Thursday 13 April: Bells coming back into church and on display. Church will be open on Friday and Saturday-times to be confirmed.

Next Sunday 16 April we shall have the Blessing of the Bells during the 10:00am Service at St. Mary's church.

Please pray for:

Please pray for the people of Myanmar: The Revd Dr Thara of The Kale District, next to Tamu District asks that we pray specifically for those who have been forced to flee their homes in this area.

The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict.

The victims of violence and for those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster or famine.

For those helping people and families in poverty.

All in need of God's healing, especially those known to this Parish; Cheryl Heaton, Christopher, Connor, Revd Craig Manley, Curtis, Debbie Smith, Eddie Elliott, Teresa Elliott, Goff Morris, Jackie Anniss, Jennifer Fenton, John Keller, baby Kallie Davey, Nicola Rigby, Rex Hitchens, and Thomas.

All those who mourn the loss of a loved one and especially the family and friends of; Philip Cureton, Ralph Seed, Maureen Goulding and Paul Woodman who have recently died: all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Care for each other - if you become aware that someone from the church is in need of a phone call, visit or is in hospital then please advise the Parish office (01249 816522) so that a member of the ministry team can help.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the lent lunches in any way. A total of £450 was raised for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal.

A big thank you to all who supported the Friends of St Mary's coffee morning, especially on such a wet morning - all those who came along, stallholders and those serving coffees and teas. We made a total of £563.25.

On Wednesday 19 April Mala will be holding a coffee morning to raise awareness of Internally Displaced People in Myanmar. This will be after the communion service.

She will have some information from the Bishop of Taungoo and his wife who is the president of the Taungoo Diocese MU. There will be cake!

Deanery Synod reps will be appointed at the APCM.

The synod meets three times a year and in addition to the business part of the evening there is a visiting speaker or a special focus. I have particularly appreciated the last two synods. In October we experienced Cafe Style and Contemplative Worship, and in February we learnt about the recently completed St Mary's Purton Renewal Project.

Could you be interested in joining the Deanery Synod, if so I am happy to give you more information. Mary Pilcher-Clayton.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on **Sunday 30 April 2023**. **The Church Electoral Roll** has been updated and a names-only copy of the list is available for inspection in St. Mary's Church, Holy Trinity Church and St. Peter's Church from Sunday 9 April until Sunday 23 April. Please contact the electoral roll officer if you notice any omissions or other errors (Liz Roberts e.are@btopenworld.com 07876 196505). If you wish to be included on the roll but have not yet submitted your form, please hand it in to Church House and we can add you after the APCM.

We would like to thank all who give financially to support the parish. You can give by; using the collection plate at the back of the church, or by standing order, or a weekly envelope, or through the parish website, or using the card reader in St. Mary's, Please gift aid if you can, it gives that little extra but costs you nothing. To find out more about how to give, please contact our treasurer, grahamspencer1947@outlook.com.

Please support Christian Aid's work in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine & elsewhere, by making a donation, see <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies> for more information.

A big thank you to all those who helped run and supported the Lent Groups.

The next Partnership meeting is on April 27 and please could you send items for the agenda as soon as possible so I can send it out - certainly no later than 17 April.

Happy Easter

John

Church House will be closed on Monday 10 April