

Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
10.00 a.m. Morning Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church
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Collect for Today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 4:5-12 (*p.117*), 1 John 3:16-end (*p.237*) and John 10:11-18 (*p.100*)

Please pray for

... Kat Gillett, Sylvia Holdsworth, Jan & Mark Knott, Del May and Paddy Scott.
... those who live and work in Irwin Road, Iveagh Road, Litchfield Way and Lynwood.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Donations

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints

Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.



Dear Friends

In the Salisbury and Avon Gazette this week I read an article about a 'secret' work of art found in a village church – an early 'rood' depicting Christ crucified, with Mary and John at the foot of the cross. The 11th Century rood was moved from the main church in the 14th or 15th century and hidden in a loft room, which the conservators believe was a sort of mediaeval 'virtual reality box' – a tiny space in which one could stand entirely surrounded by paintings of the crucifixion, including an elaborate landscape and countryside setting, and contemplate Christ's suffering as if the worshipper were actually there. The rood is one of the earliest English examples of the depiction of Christ's suffering on the cross.

There is an intimacy about this image, with John the apostle standing there, he saw it all, and John himself would follow a path to martyrdom in exile and hard labour on the island of Patmos. He went into his ministry with his eyes open - he saw it all, and yet gladly laid down his own life, along with the other apostles who bore witness to Jesus. In what ways are we called to bear witness and lay down our lives today?

God Bless,

Julie

Mission Focus for April: A Rocha

A Rocha works together with other conservation organisations, to care for God's creation through research, conservation projects, environmental education and community outreach. Let us pray for A Rocha as they help to restore eco-diversity. Pray too for ourselves to play our part in caring for God's earth.

Notices

APCM: We were due to hold our APCM today. Unfortunately, our accountant has identified an issue with the accounts which means the ones we had published are no longer valid. We are therefore rescheduling the APCM for Sunday 12th May at 11.15am and we very much hope you can join us for that. As a consequence of this postponement of the APCM, the revision period for the Electoral Roll is also extended. The period will now end on Saturday 27 April with the new Roll being displayed for 2 weeks from Sunday 28 April. Any additions and deletions that occur up to and including Saturday 27 April will be considered.

Tea-time Church: Peter gets summoned by the authorities but actually turns the tables on them. Come and see how!

Youth Group: Tonight 5.30-7.30pm as usual for secondary school aged children. Last chance to let Jeanette know if your youngster would like to come (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com)

A webinar with Rowan Williams: On Thursday 25th April from 7.30pm-8.30pm, Guildford Diocese have organised a webinar with Rowan Williams on the catholic understanding of mission. It will be an opportunity to hear and question the former Archbishop of Canterbury on the catholic perspective on mission and evangelism. The event is free, you just need to register here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rowan-williams-on-the-catholic-understanding-of-mission-tickets-856475169287

Orchard Project: 27th April. Everyone is welcome to join us in the field between 10am and 12 noon to do some further work on the project.

Date for your diary: one or two things you might like to pop in your diary now:

- *Christian Aid Car Wash & Cale Sale:* Saturday 18th May 2-5pm, Onslow Village Hall car park,
- *Songs of Praise followed by Strawberry Teas & Produce Sale in the Vicarage Garden:* Sunday 23rd June, 4pm onwards. Start making your jams and chutneys now! Or plant seeds/take cuttings for the plant sale.
- *Godparents' Sunday:* 7th July. Think about inviting godparents to this special service, to remember the vows they made, and recommit ourselves to pray for those who have been baptised.
- *Pet Service:* Sunday 14th July, 4pm. We'll be inviting people to bring animals - large and small - to give thanks and ask for God's blessing.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 22nd Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
- Tues 23rd Finance Vision Group, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 24th Deanery Synod, 7.30pm
- Thurs 25th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 26th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sat 27th Orchard Project Volunteer Morning, 10.00am-12 noon
- Sun 28th Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 22nd Ps. 103, Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 2:41-end
- Tues 23rd Ps. 5, Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-20
- Weds 24th Ps. 135, Exodus 33, Luke 3:15-22
- Thurs 25th Ps. 37:23-end, 148, Isaiah 62:6-10, Acts 12:25-13:13
- Fri 26th Ps. 33, Exodus 35:20-36:7, Luke 4:14-30
- Sat 27th Ps. 34, Exodus 40:17-end, Luke 4:31-37

Service Readings for Sunday 28th April: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-end, 1 John 4:7-end and John 15:1-8

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