



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

6th April 2014

Passiontide

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

*There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome either to leave their children or stay with them.*

*Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy team before the service begins. Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.*

*An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting. Toilets, including disabled and nappy changing facilities are situated at the west end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.*

## 10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION

Celebrant..... Revd. Julian Sullivan  
Preacher..... Revd. Karen Cribb  
Intercessor..... Sam D.  
Reader..... Della S.  
Bible readings..... Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (p. 868 )  
..... Romans 8: 6-11(p. 1134);  
..... John 11:1-45(p.1077 )  
Drinks..... John & Margaret I  
Stewards..... John & Margaret I  
Communion Assistants.... George & Sally  
Music..... Jon, Veronica, Jem

## COLLECT

*Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## READING RESPONSES IN LENT

During Lent we will be using an alternative response to our Bible readings which will give us a little more space to reflect on what we have heard:

After EACH Bible reading the reader will say

**"Let us wait upon the Lord"**

Our response is

**"in whose word is our hope."**

After which we will take a short time of silence to reflect before moving on. The response will be on the OHP and a copy is on the lectern for those who are reading.

## TODAY'S YOUTH EVENTS

### 4.30pm FIX

Active Bible exploration for all those in Yr 5 - 7 and their mates, this week: JESUS

**6-7.30pm Youth Group** meet in the café.

*Important reminder to parents : Please can you make sure that your children do not use the lift or go upstairs in the building unless they are accompanied or asked to by an adult.*

## LAZY SUNDAY

Our annual fundraiser for Christian Aid will be on Sunday 18th May with food, talent show, car wash etc. Please save the date, we will be asking for volunteers to help run the day and participate in its activities very soon!

## SEWING EQUIPMENT NEEDED

A local vulnerable women's sewing group are looking for donations such as buttons, cotton, material, tape measures, pins etc. If you're able to spare anything and would like to donate

please see Kim. Thanks.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

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<b>Monday 10.00</b>	Porter Croft Academy Easter Service in Church
<b>Monday 12.30</b>	Women Exploring Faith An opportunity to explore our own journeys of faith together in the light of some Biblical journeys. Meeting in the Parish room for an informal time of study, reflection and conversation, bring your own lunch, tea and treats provided! Please speak to Karen or Kate for more information. Invites also available.
<b>Mon - Wed 11.30- 1.30</b>	Community Café open
<b>Monday 7.30 for 7.45</b>	PCC meets at the Vicarage
<b>Tuesday 8pm</b>	Tuesday Home Group 8pm Meeting at the Denno's this week. Please speak to them or to Jon Ross for more information.
<b>Wednesday 9.30am-11.30</b>	Toddler Group and Toy Library. See Miriam for details
<b>Wednesday 8pm</b>	Life and Faith Group in the Café reflecting together on prayer
<b>Saturday 10am- 4pm</b>	Vintage Craft Fair in the Centre

## ROTA FOR BIBLE READERS AND PRAYER LEADERS

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*Barbara writes:* It's nearly time to produce the next list of readers and intercessors (for May-August). Thanks to all who take part in this valuable task. If you'd like a break from the rota, please let Barbara know by 13th April. If you'd like to join the rota (reading and/or leading the prayers once or twice during the 4 month period), please have a word with Julian or Karen. Many thanks, Barbara.

## HOLIDAY CLUB - HELP!

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- People to leaflet and advertise the Holiday Club in the local area over *this week*.
- Big Need: volunteers who are happy to help run a craft during the Easter Holiday Club.

For Each hour of work you will roughly get 1 Timecredit. Trip to be announced soon that will follow this but can be paid for either in cash or several Timecredits.

## NEXT WEEK - PALM SUNDAY

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**9.30am BCP Holy Communion in the chapel**

**10.30am All Age Holy Communion** for Palm Sunday including our usual prayer walk around the local streets.

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead); Julian (preach); Elaine & David (drinks); Odette & Kate (stewards); Margaret A & Caroline (communion assistants); Kev, Rosie, Veronica (music)

**4.30pm FIX**

**6pm Youth Group**



Children's and families choir entertaining us at our shared meal

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