



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

3rd April 2022

Passion Sunday

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.
- There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome to leave their children or stay with them.
- Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy.
- 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 far end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

## WELCOME TO ST MARYS

This **Sunday 3rd April** – Passion Sunday Holy Communion with separate children's group in the Hall.

## COVID SAFETY AT ST MARYS

We ask people to wear masks on the move and whilst singing.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

– Invitation Flyers available this Sunday for you to take and give away.

**Palm Sunday Celebration 10th April** – NO MORNING SERVICE - instead we gather at 1 - 3pm for an outside celebration with the local community - sharing the Easter story with prayer stations, storytelling, food and activities. There will be donkeys! Followed by food and an easter egg hunt.

**Good Friday 15th April 10am – 12 noon** A Morning of Reflections – with guided prayer stations reflecting on current issues through the stations of the cross, come and go as you

please.

**Easter Sunday 10.30am** Holy Communion for All Ages with drinks and hot cross buns from 10am

## MESSY CHURCH

**Friday 8th April 4pm**

This month there will be a range of Easter Activities for children and families – any one able to help anytime between 3.30 and 6.30 pm would be much appreciated – please speak to Karen or Miriam. We welcome about 20 families each month, do come and be a part of this gathering.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

**Parent and Toddler Group**

Continues to meet every **Wednesday morning** – Please see Miriam for more information.

**Community Meal**

Served every **Thursday 12.30** and all are welcome – please speak to Maureen, Claire or Karen for more information – or just turn up and enjoy good food and good company.

## SUNDAYS SERVICES IN APRIL

**24th April 10.30am** Holy Communion with baptism.

## EASTER FLOWERS

We will be arranging special flowers for Easter here at St Marys.

If you are able to donate towards the cost, please give any cash to Ann Brownhill .

Or she can tell you how to make a transfer

Ann's phone no if you miss her today is

0114 258 1588

## SOCIAL SUPERMARKET UPDATE

A number of families with very young children

are currently customers at social supermarket, so alongside the regular request for coffee, cooking oil, treats and toiletries there is a currently a special request for disposable nappies size 3 and above.

## OUR YOUTH...

Message from Miriam: Our Youth have made the Cover of the Diocesan Magazine - thank you to Vigilia and Giles' families for taking part!

Just say that it is a privilege for us Leaders, to be walking alongside our youth, who are always willing to share their gifts and time.

For our Youth, #YouHaveGotThis and thank you, continue to be brave and know that you are Loved and Blessed by God.

We will keep you all in our prayers, especially for Megan doing her GCSE, Zara, and Fred doing their final A-Level exam this summer!

Thank you to Mabel and George #TeamWork

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## FAMILY CHOIR

Come and join us after Easter!

All ages, all abilities

Suggested donation £1

Wednesdays in termtime starts 20 April 4pm

Learning some gorgeous 3-part Gospel Songs

Any enquiries phone Yo

07925-634-420



Huge thanks from Family Choir (and Yo's other 2 choirs) for supporting our Nat King Cole performance recently, and also our crowdfunder...

We're making a little film!

It will be shared soon on YoyoSongShop YouTube

If you would like to support the funding of Yos



choirs; the power and joy of making music together; the gift of being an all-age singing community; singing bringing messages and experiences of joy, hope, love and kindness...

You can give here- we have raised enough for the film and the rest given will help cover choir costs this term

<https://bit.ly/yoyofilm>

THANK YOU!

## OTHER NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**18th June 2-5pm**

Bishops Garden Party at Bishops Court

Focus on Eco Church and Creation Care: all welcome..stalls, music and refreshments.

Zero Carbon Britain Project

A 2-day online course (18-19 May, 10am-5pm) run by Centre for Alternative Technology this course designed for the Church of England to help us move in right direction (think its free)

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