

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith, Ashley Powell.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:**

Maureen Palmer, Gillian Butler, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Judith Harrison, Linda Astley, Mary Gunn, Colin Graham, Margaret Rigby, Julie Ann Parson, Margaret Pigott, Elsie Smith, Ann Harrison.

**WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:**

Colin Thompson, Lilian Lawson.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:**

Elizabeth Snowdon, Ethel Brown, Ian Turnbull, Margaret Hall, Terence McGuire, Doreen Reay.

**CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 7 April**

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion in church  
7.00pm Quiz night - cancelled

**Wednesday 8 April**

9.30am Trinity Tots  
1.30pm Funeral Colin Thompson  
6.00pm Office Hour (drop-in)  
7.00pm Baptism Preparation (by invitation)

**Thursday 9 April**

7.30pm Choir Practice - cancelled

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am Wedding Preparation (by invitation)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Second Sunday of Easter**

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir  
2.00pm APCM and Meeting of Parishioners

**Bible Readings for next Sunday:**

**Reading Acts 2.14a, 22-32**

**Gospel Reading John 20.19-end**

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**5 April 2026**

**EASTER DAY**

**SUNDAY** 5.30am Dawn Service  
8.00am Holy Communion in church  
10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

**TUESDAY** 10.00am Holy Communion in church

**COLLECT**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**FIRST BIBLE READING**

**Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the

dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**John 20.1-18**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die".

**All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**NOTICES THIS WEEK**

**Foodbank Sunday**

Please leave your donations at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

**APCM**

The date for our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 2pm in Church. Everyone is invited. Please consider whether you would like to stand for election to our PCC, or to Deanery Synod, and speak to Teresa if you would like more information regarding this. Nomination forms are at the back of church and can be submitted up to the start of the meeting. You must be on the electoral roll to be eligible for election. If you receive the monthly email from church, you will have received a copy of the annual report and accounts with the April update. Please ask Judith if you need paper copies.

### **Flowers**

Many thanks to Doreen Slack and Jean Hodgson, in memory of her husband Alan, for their kind donations towards the Easter flowers.

### **Easter Raffle**

Many thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. The response was amazing and shows once again the generosity of our congregation. Together we have raised £282 for church funds.

### **Filming in Church**

The film making group who were working in church last year would like to continue their work. It was so good to be able to support a local group of enthusiasts, and we are hoping that with the help of some volunteers we can do so again. If you feel you would be able to spend some time on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> May to be in church while they work, please let Jan know and she will make a rota. Thank you.

**The Sunday service** will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email [office.htcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.htcw@gmail.com) to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

### **Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm**

Quiz night is cancelled this week and will resume on 14<sup>th</sup> April.