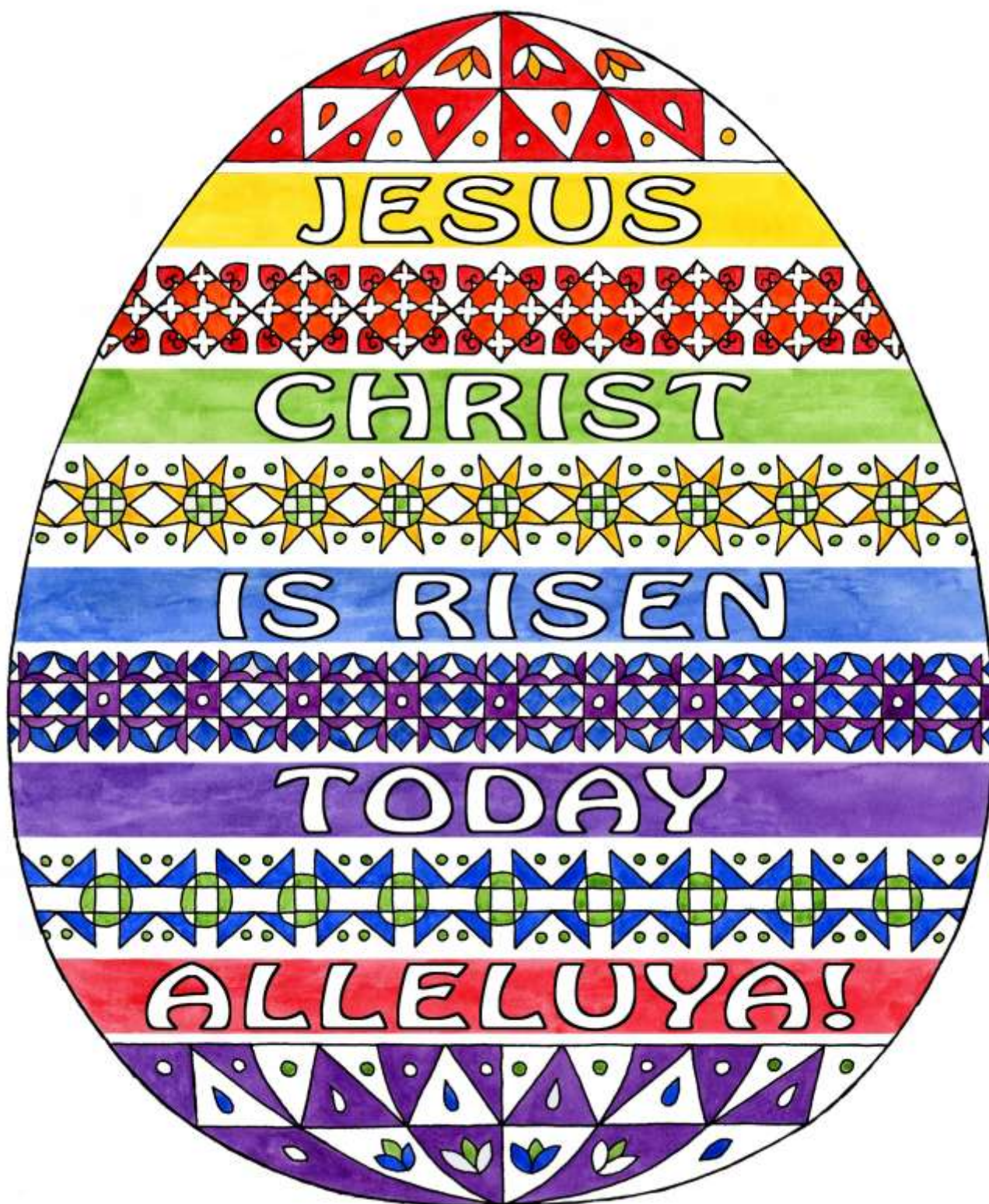


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## Sunday Worship in Church

**8am Holy Communion BCP**  
(Second Sunday of the Month)

**9.45am Parish Communion**

**11.30am First Sunday**  
**(formerly Family Service**  
(First Sunday of the Month)

## Weekdays

**Morning Prayers 8am in Church**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

**The Church is Open Daily** for private  
prayer and meditation.

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**April 2025**

**Revd. Canon Miriam writes:**

Dear Friends,

*‘Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance.’ John 20 v1*

I love these opening words in John’s gospel about the Resurrection of Jesus. Perhaps it is because, being an early bird and not a night owl, I find early mornings such a special time. Now that the sun rises early I am able to get back into a routine of walking Bodie around 6am. Listening to the birds, seeing foxes and muntjacs ambling across the fields, the earthy damp smell and the stillness is just such a special experience. A new day is beginning, a day full of possibilities and potential but also full of mystery. Who knows what the day will bring? We might have our list of things to do but sometimes life takes us in new and unexpected directions. I imagine it was like that for Mary Magdalene. She went to the tomb with the expectation of fulfilling the traditional death rites. She went expecting to struggle to move the stone from the mouth of the tomb. She went expecting to see the bloodied body of Jesus. But, as I said, sometimes life takes us in new and unexpected directions. In the quiet stillness of the morning, as the sun begins to rise, confronted by an empty tomb, she realises that this would be a day like no other. In that very garden she would be the first person to meet Jesus now risen from the dead. She would be the first person to share the good news with others that Jesus is not dead, He is alive, Jesus has risen from the dead. It is an account of the Resurrection that we all know well. Perhaps a little too well. We know what follows after the opening words of John, *‘Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb’*. It is easy to take for granted the amazing fact that Jesus has risen from the dead, He has overcome the power of death to hold not only Him but us as well, that He is alive. In order for us to experience the transforming truth that Jesus died for us, that He overcame the power of death for us, that we too can meet with Jesus our risen Lord, we have to walk the journey of Holy Week with Him. We need to engage with all that He went through, because it was an act of love for us. A way of drawing us closer to God.



We will be marking each day of Holy Week with a service in Church. It is an opportunity for us to walk together, to encourage and support each other, to open ourselves to receive all that God wants to share with us, and I can assure you that when we open ourselves to God he does touch us with his love in ways that we don't expect and cannot imagine. It takes courage though, which is why we journey together. Journeying with Jesus through Holy Week is not simply about being an onlooker, it is about engaging with the events in a personal and spiritual way.

The details of the services are as follows:

**Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.** At our 9.45am service of Holy Communion, we will remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the joy of the crowds as they shouted and rejoiced at the arrival of Jesus waving palm branches and laying down their coats. We will all receive a Palm Cross and, weather permitting, process outside the Church. In the evening the choir, will lead us in a service called The Cross of Christ. This service of beautiful music and traditional Passiontide hymns provides an opportunity for reflective worship as we prepare ourselves for the week ahead.

**On Monday 14 April,** at 7.30pm, there will be a short reflective service in Church which will focus on Healing and Reconciliation. There will be an opportunity for people to receive the laying on of hands and prayers for healing at this service.

**On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April,** at 7pm, we gather in Church for our Holy Week meal. Picking up lots of the elements of a Passover Meal, this time of fellowship and worship enables us to gain greater understanding of the words used by Jesus which feature in our services of Holy Communion: where Jesus takes the bread and wine, blesses them and shares them with his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you." With the wine, he says, "Drink this all of you...this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you all... do this to remember me..."

The meal is a joyful event as Passover Meals are, so it is a fun evening with lovely food. There will be a sign-up sheet in Church nearer the time if you are able to come.

**On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April,** at 7.30pm, there will be a short reflective service in Church with an opportunity of Anointing using special



Holy Oil. The purpose of the anointing in this context is to seek God's blessing on our commitment to journey with him through Holy Week. Jesus himself was anointed by a woman as he journeyed to Jerusalem.

**On Maundy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**, there is a service at St Albans Cathedral at 11am where Readers and clergy from across the Diocese attend to renew the promises that they made at their licensing/ordination. The Bishop will also bless the Holy Oils to be used in churches across the diocese for anointing those newly baptised, confirmed and the sick and the dying. This service is open to everyone, and each church is encouraged to take along people from their congregation. It is a beautiful, uplifting service and I encourage you to come along. Look out for a sign-up sheet that will be at the back of Church from the beginning of April so that we can coordinate lifts and travel together.

In the evening, at 7.30pm, we have our service of Holy Communion with the washing of feet and vigil and we are delighted that this year we will be joined by people from St Oswald's and the Baptist churches. For this service, the Altar is placed in the nave with the congregation sitting round it to bring to the fore the intimacy of the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples before his arrest. We remember Jesus, kneeling down and washing his disciples' feet. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to have their feet washed. For those who feel uncomfortable about having their feet washed there will also be an opportunity to receive this gift of love through having their hands washed instead. After Communion, the Altars are stripped and all colour removed from the Church. At the end of the service, the choir lead us (in a non-formal way!) singing the Taizé chant 'Stay here, remain here with me, watch and pray' to the part of the Church that has been set up as a garden (to represent Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane,) where we can sit and keep vigil for as long as we wish. The vigil ends at 10pm. This is a deeply meaningful and deeply moving service, I do hope that you will be able to join us.

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** starts with the traditional Ecumenical Walk of Witness. Beginning at 9.30am outside the computer shop in Watford Road (near the garage), we walk through the village with stops on the way for short reflections and hymns finishing at the



Methodist Church for Hot Cross buns. This is a lovely opportunity to stand side by side with our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ from the churches in Croxley Green, as our Christian witness to the Croxley Green community.

In the afternoon, at 1.30pm, we will have a series of reflections in Church. The reflections will focus on the possible thoughts and experiences of individuals involved in the crucifixion of Jesus. I do hope that you can join us for this.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April** takes us to Easter Eve and another vigil. This time there is a sense of expectation as we listen to readings and light candles to reflect Jesus rising from the dead, His light coming back into the world. It is a service that starts reflectively and moves into joyfulness as we proclaim 'Alleluia, Christ is Risen!' We journey to the font, a symbol of New Life (lighting candles on the way), where we renew our baptism vows and, with the sprinkling of water that has been blessed, we rejoice! Lent is over! Jesus is Risen!

**Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**, is our great celebration of Jesus rising from the dead. This year we are invited to, like Mary on the first Easter Day, get up early in the morning and join fellow Christians as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at a Sunrise Service on The Green. It will be led by members of the Baptist Church. We will also have our own service at 9.45am, a joyous service as we celebrate Jesus' victory over death. He is risen, Alleluia!

After the service we have our traditional Easter Egg Hunt for children in the Church garden.

Phew! As you can see, Holy Week is quite a journey emotionally and spiritually, but a journey that will deepen your relationship with God and enrich your journey of faith. Please consider joining us at all or some of these services.

If you would like to talk about where you are on your journey of faith then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, Revd. Paul or Revd. Tolu.

On the Sunday after Easter Day (27<sup>th</sup> April) we have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at 11.15am in Church. Do come along to hear about how God has blessed us in our mission and ministry as a Church over the last year and what this year might bring.

With my love and prayers for a Blessed and transforming Holy Week and a joyful Easter

*Miriam*



# Parish Register and Records

## FUNERALS

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Janet Mary Alicia Susan FARMER aged 92 years  
18th March 2025 Wendy Patricia JOHNSON aged 82 years  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2035 Dorothy SIMS aged 95 years

## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND BURIAL OF ASHES IN THE CHURCH GARDEN OF REST

20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Gerald and Sheila Watts



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## Gospel Readings for April 2025

Sunday 6th April Lent 5	John 12 v 1 - 8
Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday	Luke 22 v 14 – end of 23
Sunday 20th April Easter Day	Luke 24 v 1 - 12
Sunday 27th April Easter 2	John 20 v 19-end





# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## Palm Sunday - 13th April

9:45am Parish Communion - distribution of Palm Crosses and Procession

6:00pm The Cross of Christ - an evening of hymns and anthems sung by our choir

## Short Reflective Service - 14th & 16th April

Monday 14th April 7:30pm - Focusing on Healing and Reconciliation

Wednesday 16th April 7:30pm - Focusing on Anointing

## Tuesday - 15th April

7:00pm Holy Week Meal

## Maundy Thursday - 17th April

7:30pm Holy Communion with the Washing of Feet and Watch until 10pm

## Good Friday - 18th April

9:30am Churches Together Walk of Witness

1:30pm Good Friday Meditations

## Easter Eve / Holy Saturday - 19th April

7:30pm Watching and Waiting Service of Music and Reflection

## Easter Sunday - 20th April

9:45am Parish Communion - Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection

Time TBC - Ecumenical Sunrise Celebration (5.55am)



# **Social and Fundraising Committee Diary**

## **Upcoming Events**

We have a variety of events planned for the coming months, although some of these are still in the planning stage and some timings will be confirmed nearer the date.

### **Saturday 10th May**

On Saturday 10th May, we have been invited to participate in the Parish Council 80th Anniversary VE Day Community Picnic which will be held on The Green from 12 noon until 5pm.

We will be selling cakes and soft drinks and would love to have some help in manning the stall. If you are able to help, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church nearer to the date.

### **Sunday 18th May**

We will once again be hosting a concert by the Galliard Band of recorder music at 2.30pm.

Last year's concert was very enjoyable so do please put this date into your diary.

### **Monday 19th May**

We have another social evening planned in the Red House from 7.00pm. There is no need to book, just simply come along and enjoy a drink and a chat!

### **Sunday 15th June**

Hymns & Pimm's will return on Sunday 15th June at 4pm and there will be a sign-up sheet coming out nearer the date for you to request your favourite hymn to sing along to!

### **Sunday 22nd June**

We are planning a Family Ramble for the afternoon of Sunday 22nd June at Black Park in Buckinghamshire. The time will be confirmed nearer the date.

### **Sunday 20th July**

There will be a Family Rounders afternoon on Sunday 20th July. The venue and time will be confirmed nearer the date.

*Ann Palmer*



# **Notes from the PCC Meeting on 12th March 2025**

## **VE Day Anniversary Commemoration and Community Picnic**

The PCC noted that planning for a local commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe was taking place and that All Saints' had been invited to take part in the Parish Council's Community Picnic on 10th May by providing food and non-alcoholic drinks.

## **Bishop Alan's Retirement**

Bishop Alan is retiring as Bishop of St Albans. His farewell service will take place on Sunday 18th May at 3pm.

## **2024 Annual Report**

The PCC approved the Annual Report for 2024. It covers 26 areas of parish work and achievements during the year. Many reports give a vivid account of the varied activities which All Saints' is involved with, and how much what we do is appreciated by people in the community. It will be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 27 April, after the 9.45 communion service.

## **2024 Annual Accounts**

The Accounts show a very positive performance during 2024, resulting in a surplus of more than £6,000. Major increases in income were achieved from Hall bookings, fundraising, offertory proceeds and adult outreach. Thanks are due to all those who contributed their time, skills and money to enable our work to be funded so successfully

## **Safeguarding**

The PCC reviewed and confirmed its Safer Recruitment Policy which included policy guidance for recruitment of ex-offenders. The Policy was fully in accordance with the Church of England's published guidance. They also set a date for a special meeting to consider ways to promote a healthy and safe culture within our parish and agreed on safeguarding training requirements for Youth Group helpers.

One matter concerned the need for parents to supervise children after the Sunday service, including not playing unsupervised in the Hall but staying in the Church, away from the hot drinks area. It was also decided that parents accompany their children to use the toilets.



## **Beer Festival, October 2025**

The PCC voted in favour of investigating the purchase of glasses bearing the All Saints' logo for sale to beer Festival attendees, to promote All Saints' and to provide additional income from the sales of glasses.

## **Fire Stewarding**

The Churchwardens have asked PCC members to sign up as Fire Stewards to assist the clergy and churchwardens to evacuate the Church in case of fire

A short training programme will be provided.

## **Committee Reports:**

Our committees are keeping busy!

**The Buildings Committee** is seeking to get some outstanding work done using a new contractor.

**The Hall Committee** is organising to programme annual maintenance for the Hall floor during two quiet days in late July and to get quotes for the refurbishment of the men's toilets and for new curtains for the Committee Room.

**The Music Maintenance and Development Committee** will receive a report on the condition of the organ at its next meeting.

**The Social and Fundraising Committee** has published a full list of its engagements during 2025, which will be publicised.

**The Pastoral and Evangelism Group** was informed that the Nurturing Newborns course will take place in June and July and will link with the Pop-Up Cafés. The parish Mission Action Plan Day will be held on Saturday 17th May at 2pm.

*Chris Fagan PCC Secretary*

## **Jane Colbourne**

It is with sadness that that we share the news that Jane Colbourne, who has been a faithful member of our congregation for many, many years, died peacefully on the evening of Sunday 16th March, following a period of ill health. Her funeral will take place in Church on Monday 7th April at 12.30pm.

Please hold her husband Robin, children Amanda and Tina and their families in your prayers.



## Nature Watch April 2025

Many apologies for last month's article in the magazine, I mistakenly sent the draft copy for printing instead of the finished one! Here is the finished article.

### Looking after the environment



As we look forward to some brighter warmer days and getting out and about more, here are some tips for encouraging bees, butterflies and insects into our growing areas, gardens, allotments, pots and window baskets.



It is good to add as many different flowers to your patch as possible as insects love different types of plants. Particularly good for butterflies are Buddleias and Lavender. You can now buy lots of dwarf varieties of many plants if you grow them in pots. Ladybirds are a great insect to encourage; they like the flowers of chives, dill, marigolds and yarrow.



Wild flowers are easy to grow and maintain and are a great way to attract insects. These seeds are easily found in our local shops and garden centres.

I've been really pleased to see a growing interest in nurturing and even replanting so many of our lost hedges, especially surrounding farms, and there is even more interest in trying to maintain those around building developments. These areas are such an important habitat for so many species of insects, birds and small animals. As we move into Spring, hedges will become a hive of activity. They act as wildlife corridors and are a safe space for animals to move as well as for building nests and laying eggs, and they provide food for many. Keep an eye out for wildlife in our Church garden, especially opposite the Hall where there are bird feeders that Alice fills up regularly.





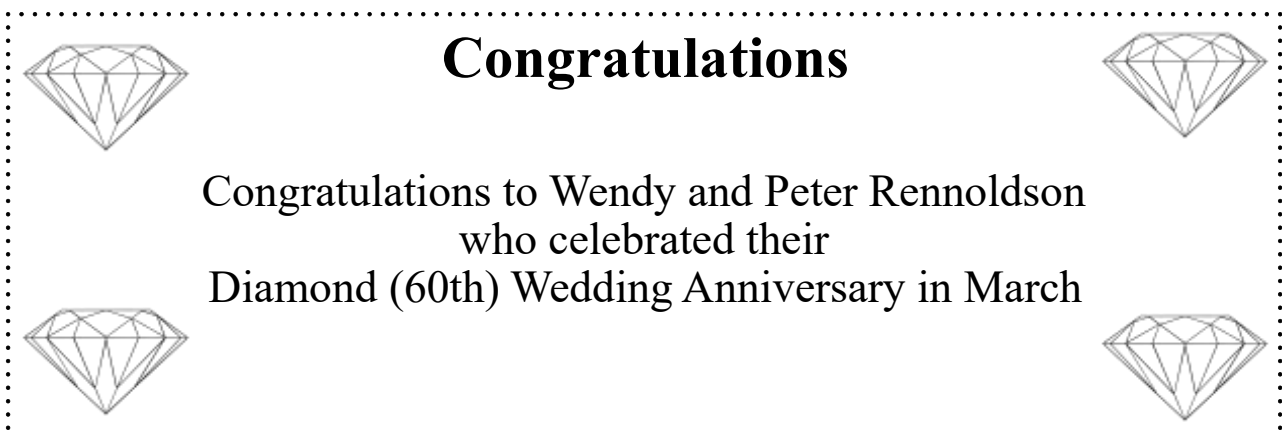


We can also be environmentally friendly by being more aware of what we buy and how it is packaged. Alice and I have been shopping at the Green Store in New Road opposite the Co-op. As they explain on their web-site - <https://www.thegreenstores.co.uk> they are a zero waste store. They sell everything by weight, therefore you buy what you need so reducing your food waste. As well as lots of food and cleaning items they have lots of lovely gift ideas.

Take along your empty containers and have them refilled with all delights, shampoo, conditioner, washing up liquid, environmentally friendly cleaning fluids and so many more. If you don't have any containers they will provide some for you. I was thinking about how many plastic bottles and containers I throw away in a month and what a saving for the planet refilling them would be.

We know that it is sometimes very confusing and difficult to work out the best way to be 'Green'. For example, in thinking it would be greener to use glass bottles instead of plastic you come across the dilemma of how much more energy is used to transport glass bottles. Or is it better to use plastic bags or paper bags? How about the ongoing challenges of electric cars and the disposal of their batteries or petrol and diesel and the effects they have on the environment. We'll leave those for another time but, meanwhile, if you have some thoughts and ideas about trying to be environmentally friendly then let us know at [office@croxleygreensaints.org](mailto:office@croxleygreensaints.org)

*Alice and Fran*





## April Prayer Diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>In our Church Family</b>
1st	Shirley Barnes
2nd	Gillian Barrett
3rd	Jane Bates
4th	Sam Beard
5th	Nik and Fran Bennett
6th	Mary Bittles
7th	Shelagh and Tony Booth
8th	Rae Bowyer
9th	Ben, Michelle, Sanna and Sophie Brogden
10th	Kelly Buckle
11th	Alick and Hazel Burge
12th	Brian and Jennifer Clemow
13th	Maureen Cliff
14th	Lise Coughlan
15th	Rosemary Daines



16th	Anne and David Dougans
17th	Kathryn and Jemima Duffy
18th	Pam Evans
19th	Chris Fagan
20th	Shirley Ford
21st	Pat Foster
22nd	Janet Francis
23rd	Sylvia Furzey
24th	John Galloway
25th	Simon, Tracy, Ian and Charles Galloway
26th	Sarah Gardner
27th	Tolu, Leke, Jacob, Joshua and Jessica George
28th	Geordee, Cecily and Chishinmi George
29th	Liz Gowshall
30th	Ben, Sarah, Abbie and Joshua Guest





# World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March

## ‘I made you wonderful’

Kia orana! This is a Maori greeting from the Cook Islands which means more than Hello! It means: May you live long and may you live well. May you shine like the sun. May you dance with the waves!

Every year, the churches in Croxley Green are invited to join together to participate in the World Day of Prayer. This year it was All Saints’ Church’s turn to host this special service on 7th March.

Each year, the service content is prepared by one country, and this year it was prepared by a group of ecumenical Christian women of the Cook Islands which enables us to be drawn into the atmosphere, the environment and the livelihoods of the people. As we entered the church we were given a flower to wear, and as we sat, we could hear the sound of ocean waves and absorb a beautiful display in front of and on the altar which gave us the feel of this sunny Pacific Island (as the photograph shows).

In prayer, we connected with nature as we were invited to relax and hear our breathing in and out, just like the waves. We imagined our blood flowing through our veins bringing nutrients to our body, just as the river feeds the earth. And in the words of a Cook Island song, we thanked God that we are wonderfully made.

Stories were told which gave us a picture of the lives of the Cook Islanders, not always good. We learned of the fear to families that Covid brought from the voice of Mii, a fifteen year old, but how her faith helped: God was with them through it all.

We heard of how English became the official language of the Island, and how the influence of the West caused the Maori language and Maori values to be suppressed. As a school child in the 1960s, Vainiu felt lost in a ‘Western classroom’ where she was taught things that seemed irrelevant to her lifestyle and humiliated because she was caught speaking in her indigenous language in school. (This gave us food for thought).





But we also learned how Dr Dawn thanks God for motivating her to seek medical training abroad and to return to work in the Cook Island's hospital paediatric department. By upgrading equipment and sharing specialised care skills, life chances in the baby care unit and for mothers has vastly improved. Through all her work, Dr Dawn celebrates how wonderfully we are made by our Creator God.

We also sang a Cook Island's song of worship:

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvellous are your works that my soul knows very well. And I'll praise you all my days!

This all made for a special and thought-provoking service, and reminded us that we can all join together in worship and prayer wherever we are across the world .... And I think we enjoyed being immersed in the Pacific Islands for an hour!

The afternoon concluded with refreshments which gave us all the opportunity to catch up with our friends from the Croxley Green churches. Thanks go to the committee and to Fran Bennett, who was our representative and the leader for this year's service.

*Anne Oke*

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## **A Date for your Diary:**

**Our 4th Annual Beer Festival will take place on the weekend of 10th-12th October.**



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## **Christian Aid Week 11th - 17th May**

One of the many fundraising activities that are arranged for Christian Aid Week is the envelope collection.

If you would like to help and are able to give some time to deliver envelopes through doors locally, it would be much appreciated.

Please contact Anne Oke if you can help.

The envelopes only have to be delivered, you do not need to go back to collect them in.



# ARTS CAFÉ

St Oswald's, Malvern Way, Croxley Green  
11am to 4pm Saturday 26th April

The Arts Café will be held on the first Saturday after Easter. We would be most grateful for volunteers to help set up (9am to 11am), clear away (4pm to 5pm), serve tea (a shift during the event) and make donations of cakes. Chris Gregory would be delighted to hear from you on 07818 412869 or [cg@chrisgregory.uk](mailto:cg@chrisgregory.uk) if you can help with any of these, or speak to your Christian Aid reps at All Saints' Anne Oke or Fran Bennett.



**ARTS CAFE**

Saturday 26th April 11am to 4pm  
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**6th March**

*A Prayer Filled Life*

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**13th March**

*A Virtuous Life*

2pm & 7.30pm @ Croxley Green  
Methodist Church

**20th March**

*A Spirit Empowered Life*

2pm & 7.30pm @ Croxley Green  
Baptist Church

**27th March**

*A Compassionate Life*

2pm & 7.30pm @ Croxley Green  
Baptist Church

**3rd April**

*A Word - Centred Life*

2pm @ St Oswald's Church  
7.30pm @ Croxley Green Baptist  
Church

**10th April**

*A Sacramental Life*

2pm & 7.30pm @ St Bede's Church





## **Smile Lines** *from Parish Pump*

### **Good Friday**

I was standing in line at the bank when there was a commotion at the counter. A woman was very distressed, exclaiming, "Where will I put my money?! I have all my money and my mortgage here!! What will happen to my mortgage?! You can't do this to us!"

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read: WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

### **The taxi**

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the pavement, and stopped inches from a shop window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!"

The passenger apologised and said he hadn't realised that a little tap would scare him so much. The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

### **Wrong number?**

Yesterday I dialled the Red Cross but got the HMRC in error. When the HMRC operator asked me what number I had meant to dial, I explained: "The Red Cross, you know, where they take people's blood." She said, "Well, you aren't too far off, are you?"

### **Miscellaneous observations on life:**

In the 60s, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

When a minister rehearses his sermon, is he practising what he preaches?

If walking/cycling is good for your health, our postmen will be immortal.

The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.



## **Annual Church Meetings 2025**

This year's Annual Meetings will take place in the Church on Sunday 27th April, following the 9.45 Communion Service and an interval for refreshments.

There will be two meetings.

The first is the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, to elect two Churchwardens to serve for the following year. This will be its only business.

The second is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This meeting will elect lay members to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and will receive and vote on three important documents

- an Annual Report on the work of the PCC and its committees and activity groups during 2024
- a financial report on the 2024 accounts
- and a report on those accounts from an independent examiner.

Everyone whose name is on the Parish Electoral Roll can take part in the meeting. These meetings are usually concluded within an hour. Please come if you can.

These meetings are required by church law and the report and accounts are sent to the Diocese of St Albans and to the Charity Commission, as the PCC is a registered charity. Together with some factual information, the Annual Report will give a vivid account of many areas of our parish life and interaction with our community, including some illustrative photographs. It is well worth reading. Miriam's Vicar's Report is always inspirational and very forward-looking. The Annual Report will be published on the Church's webpage and printed copies will be available at the meeting for people to take away and read at leisure. It will also be accompanied by a very lively summary leaflet for you to take home.

*Chris Fagan, PCC Secretary*



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70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1955, that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

65 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1960, that Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

50 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1975, that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

40 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1985, that the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were outraged, and the original formula was restored within three months.



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On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.  
Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,  
and showed us the resurrection to  
come by His raising to new life!



## Jesus is risen!

The angel said:  
"Jesus ...is not here, for He  
has risen, just as He said."  
*Matthew 28:6*

## Jesus is here

Jesus said:  
"Where two or three  
come together  
in my name I am  
there with them."  
*Matthew 18:20*



**READ** the story of  
the resurrection in:  
**Matthew 28:1-10**  
**Mark 16:1-19**  
**Luke 24:1-49**  
**John 20:1-29**  
**and 21:1-14**



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## Bingo Afternoon

The Bingo afternoon went ahead as planned on 23rd March as young and old gathered in the Church Hall hoping to be lucky. Great fun was had with laughing and joking as the numbers were called and prizes were won.

Not only was this a very enjoyable event, £340 was raised towards Church funds.

Look out for the next Bingo afternoon...there will definitely be one in the diary.





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