



14 April 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.

Gathered Round – Sunday 10.00a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.

A warm welcome to Rev. Peggy Ludlow, who will preside over the 8.30a.m. and 10a.m. services.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service.

Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.

The Traidcraft stall will be in the North Transept after the 10am service.

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered

280 Jesus, stand among us

228 I danced in the morning

500 There is a Redeemer

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 3.12–19 (8.30a.m. only)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4 (8.30a.m. only)

Response: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

Response

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Response

Response: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

Response

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

Response

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord only, who make me dwell in safety.

Response

Luke 24.36–48 (8.30a.m. and 10a.m.)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: 25 MARCH – 22 APRIL

Emails and phone calls will be monitored during this time, but may take a little longer to reply to than usual. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

LUNCH IN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE FR. PETER BINNS' 80TH BIRTHDAY – Tuesday, 23 April 2024

Tickets will be issued in due course to those who have said they would like to attend this. There is no charge for the lunch, but donations towards the cost (which may be made on the day) will be appreciated, although not required.

TUESDAY CLUB – There will be a short meeting of the Tuesday Club at the celebration lunch for Peter's eightieth birthday on Tuesday 23rd April. This is to discuss the future of the Club, now that we have had our last holiday in Halifax last year. We hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend the meeting.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 28 April - 10.00a.m.

The APCM will take place on Sunday, 28 April at 10a.m. in church, followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be circulated to those on the roll. The meeting agenda includes elections for vacancies on the PCC.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 12 & 26 April – 10.30a.m.-12noon.

A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. On Friday, 12 April, the focus will be on the joy of knitting, with a few ideas and examples from Audrey; bring your questions! All welcome.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 April – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

The third Saturday each month. This is a fun, informal activity for all the family, combining creative activities and biblical teaching, followed by lunch. All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 3 May

Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed – only enthusiasm and interest. All materials supplied, but you are welcome to bring your own paints. If you prefer just to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that’s fine too!

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael’s

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 16 April – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. *Great Sacred Music*.

AMERSHAM FESTIVAL OF MUSIC – FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FESTIVAL – APRIL

Programme details can be found on amershamfestival.org or by calling **0333 666 3366**

The tercentenary of the first performance of Bach's St. John Passion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20th with conductor Ian Ledingham and the South Bucks Choral Society. 7.30p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Church.

ST. ANDREW’S LITERATURE FESTIVAL – 21-22 JUNE

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