

**SERVICES
TODAY**

Sunday 26 April Easter 4

- 8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Morning Worship with APCM
Readings: Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-end;
John 10:11-18
Reader: Dick
Intercessor: Ian Arnold & others
A/V team: Joe & Doug
Welcome team Caroline, Rebecca & Steve
Prayer Ministry Ian & June
Coffee: Heather & Angela
Flowers: Irene C
4.00pm Messy Church at the Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 3 May Easter 5

- 8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Morning Worship
Readings: Acts 8:26-end; 1 John 4:7-3end;
John 15:1-8
Reader: Tba
Intercessor: tba
A/V team: Dick + tba
Welcome team Heather, Pat & David
Prayer Ministry Sally & Ben
Coffee: Derek & Eileen
Flowers Laura & Sue

Juvenile court to try shooting defendant.

Prayer Pointers

- † Give thanks for the Parishioner and all who worked to produce it. Pray that God will use it to build community and draw people to Himself.
- † Pray for the new leadership team at St Mary's to be filled with the Holy Spirit and guided by Him in all they do. Pray that God will give them His vision for the church.
- † Pray for the general election that God will help us choose leaders of wisdom and integrity.
- † Pray for the troubled region of Dafur and for the work of 'Kids for Kids' as they seek to bring help and hope to those in desperate need.
- † Pray for for peace in areas of intractable conflict—Syria, Ukraine, Libya, Yemen,

If you have any prayer requests for the prayer chain, or if you would like to join the prayer chain, please let Joyce Watts know.



'The wolf attacks the flock and scatters it....I am the Good Shepherd...I say down my life for the sheep.'

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Easter 4**

The Word...1 John 3:16-end

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Collect:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your
Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your
command,
that all your people may be
gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the
Father. Amen

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 27 April

9.30am Bible study for parents/carers of tots

7.30pm Avondale home group meets

7.45pm Wood Street home group

8.00pm New Beginnings home group Contact Gill

Tuesday 28 April

10.00am Discovery

7.30pm LYRA in church—don't miss it.

Wednesday 29 April

9.30-11.30 Chapel Craft for pre-school children and carers

2.15pm Silver Circle in the large hall

2.30pm Home Group contact Irene

8.00pm

8.00pm Art and Craft group at the Chapel. Contact Jo

Thursday 30 April

10.00-10.15 Prayer in Jane's cupboard

10.15-12.15 Café in the small hall

2.30pm Home Group contact Barbara

8.00pm Home Group meets

Friday 1 May

9.30-12.30 Chapel Café

7.30-9.00 Youth Group at the Chapel

♥ WORDS TO LIVE BY ♥

'Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.'
1 John 4:2-3

OUT AND ABOUT:

MESSY CHURCH TODAY 4pm at The Chapel.
MEETING TO DISCUSS ISSUES FROM THE APCM after the service 3 May.

'ALPHA WITH A DIFFERENCE' 7-10pm
Fridays in the small hall—ask the puzzling questions and find out more about Jesus over a meal and informal discussion.

COULD YOU HELP FEED those joining 'Alpha with a difference'? If you or your group, could cook for them one Friday please see Jane. NB: Food is all that is required. No waiting at tables or washing up!

WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT
Saturday 30 May. Please come and invite your friends. See Jane to book. Cost £14. Two free places have been donated if cost is a problem.

LYRA ARE BACK This quartet of professional singers from St Petersburg will be back at St Mary's Tues 28 April. At their last concert the power and variety of their singing amazed and delighted us all. Details/tickets from Caroline
ST MARY'S WW1 COMMEMORATIVE BOOK-LET has been completed. Professional colour printing is justified if enough pledges are committed for £5 per copy. A clipboard for you to sign up is on the worktop below the notice board in the church foyer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY is to be updated. Please email the parish office with corrections. Let Jane know if you'd like to be included.

THE TRIANGLE CAFÉ is looking for someone to join the café team. Availability needed between 8.30am and 6.00pm approx 3 shifts p/w, Email: admin@thetriangle.org.uk or call at the shop for details and an application form.