

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are sick, especially Valerie Payne, Chloe Evans Lippett, Max Watters and Geoff Gardner. Those who can no longer get to church.
Those who have left requests on the prayer board.
Those who have died especially Hilda Gudge and the families and friends who mourn them.

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th – 18th May. The focus this year is on helping the world's poorest mothers to give birth safely. At the team service at St Mary's on **28th April** we will be welcoming Fina Daborn who will talk about Christian Aid's work in Bolivia, illustrated by a photo exhibition. Recently a number of faithful house to house collectors have had to retire. If you would like to help with the house to house collection on 12th – 18th May, or would just like to find out more, please contact Peter Wright (Tel 456967 or email pwdewright@gmail.com)

The Bible Course - Starting on Tuesday 30th April 7.30 – 9.00 at 8 Bothen Drive. This is an 8-session course published by the Bible Society.

"It will enhance and inform your ongoing Bible study, whether you are new to the Bible or want to go deeper. Using a unique storyline, the course shows how the key events, books and characters all fit together. You'll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible applies to your life." For further details please follow this link: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course> or see Peter Wright (tel 456967 email pwdewright@gmail.com) If there are enough people who would prefer to follow the course during an afternoon, this can be arranged. Please let Peter or Diana know.

INDIA – CRAFTS AND CULTURE Saturday 18th May 7 -9pm in Church House An illustrated tour of Western India visiting fair trade craft producers and cultural sights with Peter and Diana Wright. Free admission to include Indian refreshments. Donations will be shared between Christian Aid and Traidcraft Exchange.

XALT "WHICH WAY?" Is the title for XALT this term, starting on Sunday 28th April 4 – 5 pm in Church House. The first Christians were known as "The Way" and Jesus described himself as "The way, the truth and the life", so we will be looking at different aspects of following Jesus. All are welcome to these services which combine contemporary worship, teaching and prayer with a creative and interactive emphasis. XALT is held in Church House from 4.00 to 5.15 every second and fourth Sunday of the month.

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

Please send Items for the Sunday 28th pewslip to Lesley Hill (lesleyhill2017@btinternet.com tel. 422417) by 10.00am on Wednesday 24th April PHS



Welcome to St. Mary's

21st April 2019

Easter Day

Please join us for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am service



TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Easter Communion (BCP) Revd Pete Stone celebrant
9.30 am Easter Communion Revd Deb Smith and Revd Pete Stone
Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18
Hymns: 205, 203, 208, 221 (omit #verses)
Anthem: Alleluia (*Boyce*)

TODAY'S 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**
Archbishops Council 2000

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer in the meeting room
Wednesday 11.30 – 1.00pm Cupboard Love, 'Walk-in' Wednesday
Thursday 7.00pm Choir Practice
7.45 pm Bell ringing Practice
Friday 26 April – Thursday 2 May: Christian Aid Photo Exhibition

NEXT SUNDAY

10.00 am **Team Service** Revd Deb Smith celebrant
Readings : Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31
4.00 pm **Xalt** in Church House *Which Way?*

THE EPISTLE IS TAKEN FROM ACTS 10

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.'

THE GOSPEL READING IS TAKEN FROM JOHN 20

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, '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.

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