

This week in Church

Mon	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues - Thurs	8.10am	NO MORNING PRAYER
Tues - Thurs	5.15pm	NO EVENING PRAYER
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall NO COFFEE CLUB
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 23rd April - Easter 2

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)

NOTICES

ST JOHN'S VACANCY - the Diocese website has now announced the vacancy for a new Rector. The adverts will appear in the Church Times on the 21st & 28th April and the interviews will take place on the 13th & 14th June. The Parish Profile can be seen on the St John's website. The Churchwardens say "Keep praying....."

RECTORY GARDEN CLEAR UP - Sat 29th April 9am to 12 noon. Please come and help us clear up the Rectory garden in readiness for the interviews. All offers of help would be gratefully received. The Churchwardens.

ST JOHN'S APCM - will take place on Sun 30th April at 11.30am. If you are not on the Electoral Roll at present, please do apply before the APCM so that you can take full part in the proceedings. Forms need to be returned to Jean Spencer/Parish Office by the 19th April. Forms can be found above the pigeon holes in church. EVERYONE is very welcome to the meeting.

ARCHDEACON STUART BEAKE - we are delighted to announce that the Archdeacon will be preaching at the 10am Service on Sun 30th April, before the APCM.

NEXT TiC SERVICE on Sun 30th April at **5pm** - a quiet reflective, taize-style service. Refreshments will be served in the Centre after the service.

CHICKEN FOOT NIGHT – **NOW FRIDAY 5th MAY AT 6pm** in the Centre. Games and supper for all the family. Tickets £8 adults, under 6's free, £20 per Family. From the Parish Office or from Barbara L on Sundays. To raise money for Jigsaw SE, who support bereaved children, young people and their families. Do come, it should be a fun evening.

SWAP SHOP - at Bushy Hill Community Centre on Sat 29th April, 11am to 12noon. Bring items you no longer need, toys, dvds, books, games, clothes, bikes (no electrical or very large). Take anything you want. No money changes hands,



St John the Evangelist Merrow 16th April 2017 **EASTER SUNDAY** **He is Risen!** **Today's Services**



8.00am Holy Communion (C W Order 2)

President & Preacher: Dermot Verschoyle

10.00am Parish Eucharist

President & Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

Readings, Intercessions & Elements: Robert Avis & Helen Chambers

Hymns: NEH

110 Jesus Christ is risen today!

117 The Day of Resurrection!

103 Alleluya! Alleluya!

120 Thine be the glory

6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. '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.'

Second Reading Colossians 3.1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel John 20.1-18

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 around 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.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let the whole church rejoice, in city and in open country, in this land and throughout the world, for Christ is risen.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH: Pray for those who live and work in Merrow Park

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Alan Purser Martin Jeffreys Tom Brooks John Higgins Linda Ratnieks Liz Gale Roy Moffett Dawn Swarbrigg Sheila Gusterson Brenda Mansey Andy Hopkins Kaye White

FOR THOSE CONFIRMED AT THE CATHEDRAL YESTERDAY: Pamela Powles and Carol Gray

THE PARISH VISION PRAYER:

Lord of life, as we work to build a vision for St John's, enable this Church to hear your calling, to discern your direction and to prepare the way. Limit us not to our own hopes, ideas and agendas, but enlighten us to your eternal vision for our church, community and new Incumbent; so that together we can be messengers of your gospel, walking faithfully in the ways of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen