

NOTICES

IMPORTANT!

Special meeting about the re-organisation proposals for the Deanery, Wednesday 29th March, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity.

For all who would like to learn more. Everyone welcome!

Performance of Bach *St John Passion* at St John's church, by St John's College, Cambridge on Tuesday 28th March, 7.30pm

Tickets £15, £10 concessions; <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bach-st-john-passion-st-johns-church-frome-tickets-574784575137?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> Or by card or cash on the door.

So many to thank on Mothering Sunday! Thank you to those who provided flowers and greenery; to the small band who constructed sixty posies for St John's and St Katharine's; to those who quietly carried out cleaning in the days before; to those who were called upon to do sudden and unexpected things during our services; to St John's servers who received a special message of thanks from our visiting priest (thank you David!); and to Rosemary for the Simnel Cake.

A special thank you to Vicky who organised such an enjoyable concert by the Good Afternoon Choir. A total of £724 was raised for St Katharine's church.

April Mini Market —Sunday 2 April: 11am-2pm Alongside the usual café & stalls, there will be an Easter stall. All donations welcome, including cakes & bakes, books and other items for stalls. Thank you!

Update: Colin will be returning to active ministry some time in Holy Week. Meanwhile we are very grateful for the support of the Town Ministry clergy, especially those taking our Communion services.

Good Friday – Three Hours at St John's: This year there will be bible readings following the Gospel account from John 12.20 through to John 19.42 interspersed with music and prayers. This follows on from the performance by Cambridge University choral scholars and instrumentalists of the Bach *St John Passion* on Tuesday 28th March that our musical director, Rosemary McCormick, has kindly arranged. The Three Hours will be in sections, each between ten and fifteen minutes long, so that people can feel able to come and go as best suits them.

DIARY DATES

Mon 3 April	11am Funeral of Marian Parker (SJ)
4 & 5 April	Work on sound system being carried out (SJ)
Fri 7 April	No choir practice (nor on 14 & 21 April) (SJ)

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SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent - BST Begins

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89990472798?pwd=OHZ4ZHgzNGVrOEpRRldKUE92c2xjQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 9047 2798 Passcode: w08vmw

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Tuesday 28 March

10.30am Daffodil Coffee Morning SK

11am Julian Meeting SJ

7.30pm Concert; Bach 'St John Passion' SJ

Wednesday 29 March

7.30pm Special Deanery meeting for all to attend HT

(see back page)

Thursday 30 March

2-4pm Craft and Cake BC

Friday 31 March

6.30pm Choir Practice SJ

Saturday 1 April

9.00am United Prayer SJ

10.00am SJ & SK worship committee meeting BC

Sunday 2 April

11am-2pm Café & Mini Market at St John's SJ

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

Palm Sunday

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

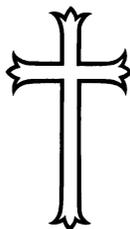
11.15am Morning Service at St Katharine's

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

COLLECT

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I

will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING: John 11.1-45

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

On separate sheet - attached.

Glory to you, O Lord

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