

Singing in Church



Each month I select the songs/hymns we sing in our church services. There are various resources that I use to help pick songs but I am also aware that there are some I will not think of that others might wish to sing.

I will be thinking about what we sing in April over the course of the coming week. If there are songs that you would really like to sing please let me know and I will attempt to incorporate them into our acts of worship.

Thank you. Rev. Ian.

APCM

This is an advance notice to say that following our recent pattern, our APCM will be held in the Family Service in May (12th May). The Electoral Roll is revised each year and there is a notice displayed giving details. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be please speak to Rev. Ian.

There will also be elections to the PCC - further details will be given in future weeks. The PCC is the key body which helps plan, with the vicar, the ministry and mission in the parish. If you want to have a voice in what happens this really is the place to be!



The first aid course mentioned in last weeks notice will be held by John W. at St Peter's, Hextable. The date is Saturday 6th April and it will start at 10.00am. It would be good to share transport if possible so, if you wish to attend and help keep our church a safer place, please speak to either Rev Ian or the churchwardens know. Thank you..

My notes

Collect for the week

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.

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31st March 2024 Easter Day



10.30am Family Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

We sing: Jesus Christ is risen today

We say sorry (*pages 2-4*)

Collect

We hear God's word: Mark 16:1-8

We sing: Led like a lamb to the slaughter

We think about God

We sing: Resurrection Hymn

Activity

We say what we believe

The Peace

We sing: Thine be the glory

We pray over the bread and wine

We pray the Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

We Share

We say thank you (*page 16*)

We sing: He has risen

We receive God's blessing and leave (*page 17*)

Large print service books are available.

If you have a word, vision or story you want to share with us please speak to a Ian or one of the wardens before the service.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 31st March:

10:30am - Family Communion Service

Monday 1st April:

10:30am Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road cancelled

Tuesday 2nd April:

1:15pm - Stay and Play - cancelled for Easter holidays

Wednesday 3rd April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Saturday 6th April:

10:00am - First Aid Course @ St Peter's Hextable.

Sunday 7th April:

10:30am - Communion Service

3:00pm - Messy Church

A Prayer for the Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk
and in fear, that you would hold and protect
them.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



Pastoral Visiting

If anyone would like the opportunity for a slightly longer
chat than time affords after a church service please feel
free to contact me. Thank you. Rev. Ian

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **7th April 2024 @ 3.00pm** where we will think about **Mary**. Please pray for those who plan and deliver this ministry as we look ahead for ideas for upcoming gatherings. Any offers to help with crafts, to cook, chatting to guests and tidying up would be **really helpful**. Please see Rev Ian or Jenny B for more information.

Stay & Play

Stay and Play runs every Tuesday in term time from 1:15pm. It is an opportunity for parents/carers and their children to meet and play. Please tell folk about it and, if you want a flyer or a card to help, or indeed would like to help support this ministry, please see Rev Ian.



A space which offers coffee, tea, biscuits, cakes and sandwiches along with conversation, board games, computer access, advice and so forth. Please come along or invite anyone who might find it of value.

Mission Partners

We pray for the work of **TEARFUND** and their mission to see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives, and fulfilling their God-given potential. We pray for partnerships with Christians, local churches and organisations around the world, as they seek to equip people to lift themselves out of poverty and fulfil their God-given potential.

News from the Food Bank

The food bank has an urgent need for::

- ♦ Tinned fruit and veg
- ♦ Chocolate/snacks
- ♦ Tuna/hotdogs/meatballs
- ♦ Fruit juice
- ♦ Long life/evaporated milk
- ♦ Ready made custard
- ♦ Dried noodles, pasta & rice
- ♦ Pasta/curry sauces
- ♦ Stuffing/gravy
- ♦ Jam, honey, spreads
- ♦ Tins of baked beans, beans and sausages, macaroni chesse & chilli con carne
- ♦ Baby products
- ♦ Toothpaste, Shower gel, Deodorant
- ♦ Shampoo & Razors
- ♦ Housecleaning products
- ♦ Toilet and kitchen roll



Prayer Focus

Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:



Maureen B, Kay T, Brenda M, Mavis M, Brenda P, Barry G, Janet C, Mike S and Stephen R.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Jenny B and Ann C..

We pray for Jenny B and her family as they mourn the death of Jenny's husband, Dai.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Albany Close, Albany Road and Arcadian Road.