

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!

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My notes

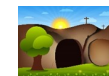
Collect for the week

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



7th April 2024

**2nd Sunday in Easter
10.30am Communion Service**



Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Hymn: All creatures of our God and King (*6 omitting vs 2&3*)

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Gloria

Collect (*page 5*)

Readings: Acts 4:32-35

Hymn: Lord for the years (*403*)

Gospel reading: John 20:19-end

Sermon

Creed (*page 7*)

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn: Breathe on me, breath of God (*77*)

Communion Prayer H (*page 38*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Invitation to Communion (*page 14 b*)

Prayer of humble access (*page 15 a*)

Share Communion

Prayer after Communion (*page 16 a*)

Hymn: How great thou art (*499*)

Blessing (*Page 17*)

Dismissal (*Page 17*)

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 7th April:

10:30am - Communion Service
3:00pm - Messy Church

Monday 8th April:

10:30am Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 9th April:

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

Wednesday 10th April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 14th April:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)
10:30am - Family Service

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 **today @ 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 mis-
sion to see people freed from poverty, living trans-
formed 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 Janet, Sian and Graham C and Janet and John C..

We continue to 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 Banwell Road, Beechway and Blackfen Parade.