

## Services & Diary Dates

Easter Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral 2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1330 Interment of Ashes - J Chope 1900 Choir Practice
Saturday		
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1030 APCM 1800 Choral Evensong

## News

The **Electoral Roll** is now closed and will **re-open after the APCM** next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> Apr.

### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Apr @10:30am APCM in Church

APCM Group Reports and Annual Financial Statements are available on the church website. There are some printed copies at the back of church for you to read, please return when you have finished, thank you.

### PCC Vacancies -

There are **6 vacancies** to be filled on the PCC from April. Please do think about whether you could contribute to the life of this church by joining. If you would like more information, or to express an interest, please talk to Rev'd Jenny or the wardens.

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr @2pm After a private interment of ashes service, the **family of Judith Chope are hosting a thanksgiving celebratory tea in the Hall.** They welcome all her friends to join them since Judith's funeral took place under lockdown restrictions in 2021.

**Next rota** for Sunday morning Parish Coffee teams available from Mary Coxon.

### Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May @9:15am Parish Communion with Confirmations

The Flower Team thanks all who have donated so generously towards the Easter flowers and we give thanks to the team for the magnificent displays in church.

Likewise, our thanks to the YACC Team for the wonderful family friendly Easter Garden display at the back of church.

## Welcome

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Services Today

**10am FAMILY COMMUNION** beginning outside with Easter bonfire and lighting of the Paschal Candle  
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee in the Hall - All welcome.

YACC *No YACC sessions today as **this is an All age Service.***

**Hymns: Please refer to the Order of Service**

### Music

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Choir: Cæsar - Missa Brevis Capella Regalis

This Joyful Eastertide

Bach - Up! Up my heart

This week we pray for all who live and work in Marsden Road.

Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Choral Evensong service at 6pm

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### OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

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**Sunday 17 April 2022**  
**Easter Sunday**

**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.

**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.'

**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.

**Next Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31**