

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	10 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	11 th	1245 Funeral Service - Josephus Brown 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	12 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	13 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	14 th	
Saturday	15 th	
Sunday	16 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

After the service, during coffee while the children are hunting for Easter eggs, please bring your packet of Garden flower seed and scatter it in the Prayer Garden where the old box hedges used to be. If you forgot to bring it today, then please bring it next Sunday.

Thank you to our Flower Team for the lovely Easter displays.

Tue, 11th Apr@12:45:
Funeral Service of Josephus Brown with reception in the Hall afterwards.

Sat, 22nd Apr @7:30pm
Welwyn Garden Concert Club featuring pianist Julian Trevelyan. See poster in porch for more details.

News

APCM 23rd April: Open vacancies urgently need to be filled (April): 1 Churchwarden, 3 PCC members & 3 Deanery Synod members!

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 speak to Rev'd Canon Jenny or the wardens (Amanda & Rob).

23rd Apr @6pm Choral Evensong

The **Electoral Roll is now closed** and will re-open after the APCM on 23rd Apr.

Save this date:

Sat, 1st July 12 –3pm SUMMER FETE! Nikki will be heading the team organising this Fete and would really like some helpers to join her team (Raffle, Tombola, Cakes) and also for volunteers to do an hour or so on the stalls. If anyone has some new ideas on stalls, she would love to receive your suggestions.

Nearer the time, we are collecting:
Apr: lucky dip- kids party novelties /toys
May: wrapped sweets & empty (but clean!) jam jars

Jun: raffle prizes & soft toy donations.
Jul: loan of your gazebos (need 10), please.
Finally we are appealing for **monetary donations: Use yellow envelopes (gift aid if possible) and label 'YACC Summer Fete'** to fund the purchase of new face paints.
More details to follow.

Welcome

Sunday 9th April 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

Services Today

10am FAMILY COMMUNION beginning outside with the Easter bonfire and lighting of the Paschal Candle
Followed by Easter egg hunt and Parish Coffee in the Hall
All are welcome.

Youth & Children's Church
*No YACC sessions as this is an **All age service.***

Congregational setting: Tambling
Hymns: Please refer to the Order of Service
Music Choir: Caesar Missa Brevis Capella Regalis
Wood This Joyful Eastertide

This week we pray for all who live and work in Lytton Gardens and The Cloisters.

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Sunday 9th April 2023
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.'

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples, *He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.*

This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Next Readings: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31