

## Welcome to our services today

20 April 2025  
Easter Sunday



### **FAMILY COMMUNION, 10am**

Beginning outside with the Easter bonfire and lighting of the Paschal Candle, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus then back inside. Service ends with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Followed by Easter refreshments and chat in the Hall.

There are no separate Youth and children's Church groups as the All Age Talk takes place instead of a sermon. There are various resources and activity bags in The Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: 147, 157, 148, 160 (Fully listed in the Order of Service)

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Choir Music: Darke in E (Collegium Regale)

Trad arr. Whitbourn Were you there?

Handel Hallelujah Chorus

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

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

*Next service's readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8;  
John 20: 19-30*

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## **Services & Diary Dates: this week**

Tue 22 Apr    Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 23 Apr    Said Eucharist, 10.30am

Coffee for All, 10.30am

Zoom online prayer group, 8pm

Thur 24 Apr    Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 25 Apr    Choir practice, 7pm

Sun 27 Apr    Said Eucharist, 8am

Parish Communion, 9.15am

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (**APCM**), 11am

Choral Evensong, 6pm

## **Services & Diary Dates: further ahead**

Sun 4 May    Interment of Ashes – G. Searl, 10:30am

Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

## **Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?**

*See foyer noticeboard for details and sign-up sheets.*

Thank you to all our kind contributors who have given monies towards our resplendent Easter floral displays and to the Flower Team for such a great job.

## **News:**

Today is our Vicar, Rev'd Canon Jenny Fennell's last service. Please join us in the Hall for a farewell presentation and special refreshments as we wish her well and send her and her family off with our love and blessings.

APCM: Do attend if you can. You get a chance to hear what has been happening, our financial situation and what's next (interregnum)! Look out for our APCM Group Reports and Annual Financial Statements will be available on our church website soon. Some paper copies will be made available from the back of church.

The Electoral Roll is now closed and will reopen after the APCM which takes place next Sunday, 27 April.

Reminder: Thursday 1 May is Polling Day so the Hall is used as a polling station all day till 10pm.

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**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.

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