

Sunday 28th April



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

We will be thinking about how to 'Stand Firm' (1 Corinthians 16:1-24).

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

Sunday Club (age 3-Y6) will meet upstairs and will have holiday activities.



Refreshments are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

OPENING PRAYER *David Twiss*

HYMN Crown Him with many crowns

SONG When I am weak, you are strong

CONFSSION

COLLECT

SONG When I was lost You came and rescued me

NEWS

Children go to their activities

PRAYERS *Chris Porter*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer

BIBLE READINGS *Rebekah Fox*

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (page 209)

1 Corinthians 16:1-24 (page 1157)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Stand firm

SONG O Church arise

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Church.

Sunday Club (age 3-Y6) meet upstairs before the service starts, and will have holiday activities.

There will be no Club114 or Cross Section this week.



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WELCOME AND NEWS *Andy Martin*

OPENING PRAYER *Oli Huggins*

BIBLE READING *Oli Huggins*

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (page 209)

HYMN Crown Him with many crowns

SONG What gift of grace is Jesus my
Redeemer

CONFESION

BIBLE READING *Amy Walker*

1 Corinthians 16:1-24 (page 1157)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Stand firm

QUESTIONS AND INSIGHTS

TESTIMONY

PRAYERS *Peter Richardson* ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONGS Be bold, be strong O Church arise

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

Today we will be looking at 'Resurrection power' (Philippians 3:1-14)

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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMNS To God be the glory
See what a morning

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

CONFESION

PRAYERS *Mark Fox*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONGS Glorious things of Thee are spoken
When trials come

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*
Psalm 63 (page 579)
Phil 3:1-14 (page 1180)

SERMON *Chris Stonehouse*
Resurrection power

SONGS Your word endures forever
How great the chasm

CLOSING PRAYER

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk (under Resources)

What I have learned

- to praise God for
- to confess to God
- to ask God for

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What the resurrection proves

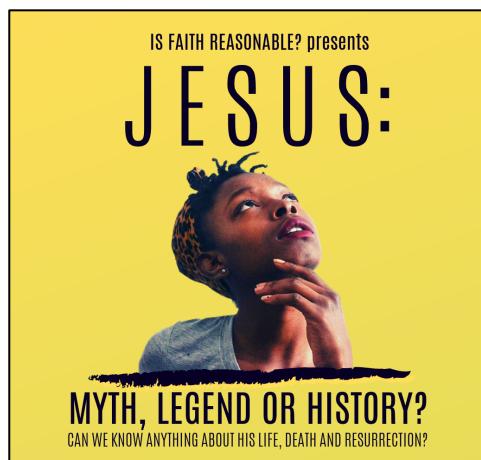
Dear Friends,

"Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" This Easter churches around the world will resound with that magnificent declaration, as they have for many centuries. It is a glorious truth, the very centre of our faith. But what does it prove that Christ is risen from the dead? It proves many things: that Jesus is the Son of God; that sins can be forgiven; that there is life after death; that death has been conquered; and more besides.

It also proves that there will be a day of judgment, and that Jesus will be the judge on that day. That was Paul's message to some of the cleverest people in the Bible, the wise philosophers in Athens: "[God] has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Perhaps this is an aspect of the resurrection that we would rather play down, or even forget? After all, it means we need to change our ways and specifically to change our thinking about God. As Paul says in the previous verse: "Now [God] commands all people everywhere to repent" (verse 30). It's a message for all times! It's very inclusive! No-one is exempt! Thankfully, we can repent – and be forgiven – because the Jesus whom God raised from the dead is the same Jesus whom God gave to die for the very sins for which we need to repent. Alleluia!

Yours warmly, in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)



The poster features a yellow background with a black and white photograph of a young person looking upwards. Text on the poster includes: "IS FAITH REASONABLE? presents", "JESUS:", "MYTH, LEGEND OR HISTORY?", and "CAN WE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION?"

Jesus: Myth, Legend or History?

The Christian faith is based around the historical figure of Jesus of Nazareth, but can we really know anything about him – his life, his death, his resurrection?

Dr Peter Williams, Principal of Tyndale House, Cambridge, will be speaking on Tues 4th June, 7 – 9.30pm at the ICC.

The evening includes a light buffet, a presentation and extended time of Q&A with Dr Williams.

Senior Minister (Vicar) Chris Hobbs

Associate Minister Andy Martin

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)
4pm service, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)
6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

This Week

**Tue
30**

Rooted for students. 6.30-9.00pm at St Wulstans, food included

**Wed
1**

Day Centre (for older people)
10am-2.30pm

**Thu
2**

Cross Section Bible Study (Y10-13)
4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm.

**Fri
3**

Stay and Play baby and toddler group 10.00-11.30am

**Sun
5**

Cross Section (Y10-13) 5.30-7.00pm,
toasties included.

Looking Ahead

**May
7/8**

Prayer Gathering: Tuesday 9.30-11.15am (crèche provided)
Wednesday 7.30pm for refreshments, 8-9.30pm. We will be praying for John and Ruth McNeill, Elmdon Parish Church, international students and our own ministries.

**May
11**

Men's Breakfast: 'Staying Fresh' – including how to have a quiet time. 8 – 9.30am. Join us for Bible teaching, discussion, practical help and prayer. £4. Please sign up by **Wed 8th May** on Church Suite or contact the office.

Dad's Stay n Play. 10-11.30am. £1.50 per family, bacon butties included.

**Jun
10**

Women's book club are reading 'Daring to Hope' by Katie Davis Majors, about suffering, unanswered prayers and trusting God throughout. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse.

**Jun
28-30**

Weekend Away 2019. 'Running the Race', with Wallace and Lindsay Benn. Please aim to join us. Sign up on Church Suite or speak to the Office.

**Jul
11-14**

Explore: A Skeptic's Guide to Jesus. Glen Scrivener will be joining us for a long weekend to address questions like "Just who is Jesus, Why is he Important, What did he do?" Please save the dates and start thinking about and praying for people to invite.

News and Requests

At the Annual Meeting, Ian Butler and Richard Griffith were elected to serve as Churchwardens, Matt Killen and Stephen Rivett as Deanery Synod representatives and Pamela Devas, Virginie Hannam, Tim Pearson and Anne Ruck to serve on the Church Council.

Helen Buckley is looking for a couple of **Lego figures** that are builders (with hard hat and hammer), and a couple of Lego cups. Can you donate any for Sunday Club?

Parents/carers, please would you make sure your children don't go on the path around the back of the Cranmer room. It's not a safe area for them to play.

Accommodation required for July. Do you have a spare room available to rent to one of our female music students throughout July? Please contact Susanna Blamire through Church Suite, or contact the office to be put in touch with her.

Furniture needed in good condition to give to someone setting up home. A chest of drawers, bed or something else? Please let Andy Martin know as soon as possible.