



## Looking Ahead

- Tues 14 Apr** **CAP Debt Centre Volunteers meeting**, 7.30pm Christ Church Selly Park; to find out how the new Debt Centre is going or to volunteer.
- Tue 21 Apr** **Children's and Youth Prayer Meeting** at St Wulstans, see Helen Buckley for more details.
- Wed 22 Apr** **CAP Debt Centre Launch**, 8.00pm at Selly Oak Elim, Exeter Road. Details to follow.
- Thu 23 Apr** **Identity starts** 8.00-9.30pm. Identity is a seven-week course that reveals more about the identity and mission of Jesus and shows why he is the key to life and the one who can answer our big questions. Nothing is assumed, everything is explained and anything can be asked. Please speak to Andy Martin if you are interested in going.
- Tues 28 Apr** **MMTC Lite starts**, 7.30-9.30pm at St Wulstan's. This year covering: Romans, Holy Spirit, Bible Overview and Jonah over six evenings. Flyers at the back.
- Wed 29 Apr** **Annual Meeting (APCM)**, 8.00pm in St Wulstan's, coffee from 7.30pm. We will be electing 2 churchwardens, 4 PCC members (3 for 3 years, 1 for 1 year). Please be thinking and praying about who (you?) should fill these important roles in our church's leadership. It is also a good time to share stories of what you have seen the Lord do this past year – please speak to Chris Hobbs if you would like to do that.
- Sun 7 June** **Holiday Club planning** After the morning service. Are you interested in being part of our brilliant holiday club week? Why wouldn't you be?! Come to find out more. This is for old hands and newcomers young and old!

## News, Notices and Requests

**Building for the Future News** The areas where the pews were in the church have now been filled with about 170 tonnes of large pebbles to get us up to the right level for the new floor.

**Summer Term Rota** if you have not yet done so and you serve on a rota, please let the office know your availability for the Summer Term by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, FAO Jem.

**Goodbye to Joseph** Chris and Chris invite you to come to say goodbye and pray for him and his new family, this Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.15pm to pray; 3.00pm for tea and cake. Thanks for all your support over the last 9 months!

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## Welcome

*If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.*

### 10.00am at St Wulstan's

All-Age Holy Communion: 'See He has risen' (Mark 16:1-8)

**Children and young people** will stay in the service today.

**0-3s** are welcome to stay in the service, but should you require it there is a crèche in the back room that is available throughout the service.

**Toilets** are in the foyer, baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilet.

**Coffee, tea and biscuits** are served after the service.

**There is NO 6pm service tonight.**

### Why Easter matters

When the Germanwings flight crashed into the Alps a week ago, and we then saw the story unfold over the following days, it was like watching a TV drama – except that this was no fiction. This was real life and, tragically, 150 people really died. Why do we find air crashes so shocking? After all, air travel is still incredibly safe overall. I think it is because many people die at once, there are rarely any survivors, they are virtually helpless as they meet their end, and it takes place so suddenly and unexpectedly.

It is also a sober reminder that we are all “destined to die once, and after that to face judgment” (Hebrews 9:27, NIV). How many of those who died near Seyne-les-Alpes were ready for that, ready to die, ready to meet God and to face judgment? I have no idea. But that is what will happen to them. And that is what will happen to every one of us one day. It is “destined.”

That is why Easter matters – at least it is one of the reasons. What God did that first Good Friday and Easter Sunday means we can be ready to face him. On Good Friday, as the writer to the Hebrews continues, “Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people” (verse 28). If we trust in Christ, we have nothing to fear from God's judgment. And Jesus was raised from the dead, to give us life with him forever, never to die again. So now we even look forward to his return, when “he will appear a second time ... to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him” (Verse 28).

*Chris Hobbs, Vicar*

# Easter Sunday

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS See, what a morning  
Early morning, break of dawn

CONFESSION  
**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

BIBLE READINGS Mark 16:1-8 (page 1024), I Corinthians 15:35-57 (page 1156)

TALK 'See, He has risen'

SONG Sing a song

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; He was buried; He was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards He appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

PRAYERS

NOTICES

SONG How can it be?

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great love you gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, through his one offering of himself.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving this bread and this wine may share in his most precious body and blood

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

ADMINISTRATION *of the bread and wine*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN Thine be the glory

DISMISSAL  
Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We shall be raised.  
**We shall be raised, Alleluia.**

Death will be destroyed.  
**It will indeed be destroyed. Alleluia.**

God will be all in all.  
**He will indeed be all in all. Alleluia.**

Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box at the back*