

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Morning Prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.00am
Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5.00pm to pray for our community

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| Fri 5 th Apr | 9.30pm | St John's Church School End of Term Easter Service – All Welcome |
| Sun 7 th Apr | 10.00am 11.30am | Holy Communion Time For God * |
| Fri 12 th Apr | 11.00am | Communion Service at The Maples |
| Sun 14 th Apr | 10.00am | Palm Sunday Morning Worship <i>with Children's Groups</i> |
| Thu 18 th Apr | 7.30pm | Maundy Thursday Communion Service |
| Fri 19 th Apr | GOOD FRIDAY | |
| | 10.30am | Easter Messy Church |
| | 2.00pm | Good Friday Reflective Service |
| Sun 21 st Apr | EASTER DAY | |
| | 6.30am | Sunrise Service followed by bacon butties |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Thu 25 th Apr | 11.30am | Communion Service at Homenene House |
| Sun 28 th Apr | 10.00am | Morning Worship with AGM <i>with Children's Groups</i> |
| | 6.00pm | Healing Communion |
| Sun 5 th May | 10.00am 11.30am | Holy Communion Time For God * |

*An informal service, especially for families, children & young people

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APRIL 2019

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

As we come into April, and as you read the greeting at the top, you might think, in terms of the church year, that it is a little premature. That is what we say later this month. And that is true. But I found myself wanting to start with this exclamation. Then it made me think about the tension of our lives, and of life. During this month, we do celebrate the excitement of Palm Sunday, the rollercoaster ride of emotions – of anger, of wonder, of sadness, of puzzlement, of the sense of failure and disappointment, of hope there, and then gone – that grow during Holy Week culminating with Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, and then the joy and awesomeness of Easter and Jesus returning and being with the disciples, and nothing being the same ever again. And, of course, in our lives all of these things are held in tension all the time. The hope of the future and what is to come, the joy of the everyday, and the waiting for these things to happen. And we realise that journey of Jesus, of his life and ministry, of the Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and the joy of Easter Day are part of our everyday lives. But the really good news is that the ultimate story for ever is the one of Easter Day, of God coming alongside us in his Son, Jesus Christ, to tell the world that he is the God of love is the one that prevails through our journeys of everyday, and for ever. And so we all say, Amen.

So have a great April everyone. May you meet with Jesus as we travel together, with him, in the holiest of holy weeks. May, each of us, and our world, know the power and the joy and the hope of the risen Lord Jesus Christ today, this month and always. If you celebrate a birthday, this month, have a very Happy Birthday from all of us.

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Yours in Christ. *Sarah*

EVENTS DURING APRIL

CCH* is Christ Church House

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| Thu 4 th Apr | 11.00am | Lunch Club Please ring Gay - 01733 233230 before Sunday 31 st March to book a meal. <i>Concluding with</i> |
| | 2.00pm | Holy Communion Service |
| | 7.30pm | Thursday Evening Group, Church |
| Fri 5 th Apr | 9.30am | St John's Church School End of Term Easter Service – All Welcome |
| | 9.00pm | Compline |
| Thu 11 th Apr | 1.15pm | Little CCogs, Church |
| | 7.30pm | Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH* |
| Fri 12 th Apr | 11.00am | The Maples Communion Service |
| | 2.00-4.00pm | Coffee Connect @Christ.Church. Do come along to chat, eat cake, laugh |
| | 4.00pm | Messy Church Meeting, CCH* |
| | 7.30pm | Drink at The Dragonfly |
| | 9.00pm | Compline |
| Sat 13 th Apr | 8.30am | Men's Breakfast, Church |
| Thu 18 th Apr | 7.30pm | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion |
| Fri 19 th Apr | 10.30am- 12.30pm | Easter Messy Church |
| | 2.00pm | Good Friday Reflective Service |
| | 9.00pm | NO COMPLINE as Good Friday |
| Sat 20 th Apr | 8.15am | Prayer Breakfast, Church |
| Sun 21 st Apr | 6.30am | EASTER Sunrise Service |
| | 10.00am | EASTER DAY All Age Holy Communion |
| Wed 24 th Apr | 10.30am | Coffee at QD |
| Thu 25 th Apr | 11.30am | Homenene House Communion Service |
| | 1.15pm | Little CCogs, Church |
| | 7.30pm | Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH* |
| Fri 26 th Apr | 7.15pm | Drink at The Dragonfly |
| | 9.00pm | Compline, Church |
| Sat 27 th Apr | 9.30am-12.30pm | Quiet Morning, Church |
| Sun 28 th Apr | 10.00am | Christ Church AGM will take place during the morning service |

LENT LUNCHES

Thursday 4th April – Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville

Friday 12th April – Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel

QUIET MORNING

On Saturday 27th April, we will be having a Quiet Morning here at Christ Church. We have not done this before in quite this way, so I hope it will prove helpful for people. It would be good to know if there are people who are thinking of coming to give me a vague idea of numbers. It will start at 9.30am with teas and coffees, and continue through to 12.30pm, and I hope will provide us with an opportunity to think about God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 7th April: Please pray for wisdom for the leaders of our country, and for leaders across the continents.
- 14th April: Please pray for one another as we continue our journey through Lent. Pray that we will all know God better, that we will remember his promises to each one of us, and to us as a Church. Please for the Church, for our hopes and dreams and for all that God is encouraging us to do at this time. Especially we pray, as we come into Palm Sunday and Holy Week.
- 21st April: Hallelujah! Christ is risen. May our prayers be of thankfulness and joy for all that the risen Jesus Christ has done for us as people and as individuals loved by him.
- 28th April: Please pray for peace in, and across, our world.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

4th April – Thursday Evening Group

13th April – Keith's Group

20th April – Prayer Breakfast

27th April – Ayo's Group

NOTE

If there is anything that you would like included on the Notice Sheet for April, please contact Kerry before the 20th April 2019.

Please pick up the Newsletter for Children, Families and Young People.