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Sunday 22nd April 2018

We Welcome You!

Today's readings:

Acts 4.5 - 12

**Psalm 23
John 10. 11 - 18**

1 John 3.16 - end

Collect for Today:

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory God the Father. Amen.



This is a communion service where we share bread and wine together. Everyone is welcome to receive but if you would rather not then please come forward for a blessing instead. Children who have been baptised are also able to receive from the age of four. The bread we use is baked by hand and contains gluten, wheat and yeast. If you need rice cake please tell one of the people who welcomed you.



If you have come here with needs or anxieties and you would like someone to pray with you, for yourself or for someone else, there will be someone by the war memorial in church during communion who will be very happy to listen and pray. And if you would like us all to pray for someone in the intercessions, just add the name in the book on the wooden lectern by the glass doors.

TODAY at 11.30am ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) - this will take place following the 10am morning service with tea, coffee and cake. Please do stay if you are able to do so to consider the past year and think about the future as well as to vote for a new churchwarden and PCC members.

FITNESS CLASS A new Fitness class has started up in the church hall on **Thursdays at 7pm**. The class will last 45 minutes and will cost £4 per person. Everyone of **any ability is welcome** and the class will cater for all with **variations of things to do**.

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS We need a **church hall bookings person**. Most of this is done by telephone but you would need to have computer access to look at existing bookings and to insert new ones onto the church calendar. Forms are sent out or emailed for hall hire. Please see Julie or Pam for more details. Many thanks.

ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS - it is that time of year again when those who are **new to the congregation** or not already included on the electoral roll need to fill in a form so that we can include you. If you would like any further information please talk to Rev Ruth. The forms can be found on the wooden table by the door.

BRAMBLE HOUSE GARDENING GROUP - Bramble House nursing home (opposite the church) have a wonderful orchard and garden but it needs some tender loving care and they have asked if it is possible for us to gather a working party who might help to look after it in the next few weeks and months. We have agreed that we will go every other **Friday from 20th April at 1pm** for a few hours. If you feel you are able to offer a little bit of time to help then please let Rev Ruth know.

THAT FRIDAY FEELING - will resume on **Friday 27th April, Friday 25th May and Friday 29th June between 6pm-8pm**. Informal worship, discussion and simple food. All welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING Please put a note in your diary, cleaning times are:

Saturday 7th July 9am-11am

Please help keep the church and hall clean and tidy and volunteer to help on the rota. If you have a spare hour every 5 weeks we will be very grateful. Please see Julie or Pam.

PARISH AWAY DAY - our parish away day will be held at **The Lysons Hall in Hempstead** on **Saturday 5th May between 10am and 4pm**. We will have a bring and share lunch so please bring something to share with others. The day will focus on Personality and Prayer and will help us to be thinking through the **Thy Kingdom Come** materials in preparation for the ten days between May 10th (Ascension Day) and May 20th (Pentecost). Please sign up on the list in the hall if you would like to be part of this day.

THY KINGDOM COME - this national initiative is to encourage a focused period of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. **As part of this we will be holding a prayer walk around our parish on Pentecost Sunday (20th May) between 3pm and 5pm**. We will meet at the church and then walk in two's or three's to cover some of the streets in the immediate vicinity of our community and pray as we go. For those of you who might be put off by the 'public' witness it will be done very gently and simply be about praying for the homes and places of work that there are in our parish. It might therefore be that as you walk down a street you might silently offer to God the people who live there and the things you can see and then at the end of the street gather in your two or three to say a prayer together for that street. Please do come along! We will finish back at the church with tea/coffee and cake

Vicarage House Group - this will begin on Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm and then take place on the following dates - 29th May 12th June, 26th June, 10th July and 24th July.

15th May is the Christian Aid Quiz so we will meet at The Avenue instead - maybe we can field a team or two!

Archdeacon's Visitation Service - Archdeacon Jackie is on sabbatical between May and July and as such the Visitation service which takes place to install our Churchwardens will take place on **Tuesday 8 May 2018, 7pm at Stroud, St Laurence, GL5 1AP**. Please do come along and support your churchwardens as they are commissioned to take on this important role.

INSIDE-OUT GLOUCESTER: 'Kingdom Come' Exhibition (May 10th - 21st 2018)
Following a very successful exhibition over the May Bank Holiday last year, Inside-Out have been invited back to the Cathedral Cloisters. The exhibition co-incides with **Thy Kingdom Come, an International initiative, and the beginning of 'Festive-ALL' at the Cathedral**. As a group of six Christian artists working with paint, stone and textiles, we formed 'Inside-Out Gloucester' in 2015 to exhibit our art in the public domain and encourage dialogue about spiritual issues. **'Come and see our work!'**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 13TH MAY - 20TH MAY. This year we will be holding a Quiz for all ages at **THE AVENUE PUB on BRISTOL ROAD** on **Tuesday 15th May at 7pm**. There will be an entry fee of £5 per team and teams will need to be between 3 and 6 members. Please spread the word and bring your friends and families. We will provide nibbles but drinks will be available from the bar during the evening. There will be prizes to win throughout the evening.

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CHURCH FAMILY DATES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Tania Collier (today), Angele Djiaha (Monday), Marion Morgan (Wednesday) Diarmid Couston and Dorothy Sell (Friday) and Vince Douglas (Saturday). **Congratulations on their Wedding Anniversary** to Ruth and Mike Parsons (Wednesday) and **Blessings for the Yearsmind** of Betty Kelham and Mary Rea (Saturday)

Duties this week 22/04/2018: 4th Sunday of Easter **Reader:** Dim **Prayer:** Jan **Sidesperson:** Sylvia and Lynda, **Praying Together:** Marion. **Chalice:** Maria and Dim **Cross:** Kevin, **Verger:** Jackie , **OHP:** Lynda **Coffee:** Volunteers wanted

Duties next week 29/04/2018 5th Sunday of Easter **Reader:** Sylvia, **Prayer:** Andy, **Sidesperson:** Sylvia and Lynda, **Praying Together:** Linda **Chalice:** Jan and Pam **Cross:** Jan, **Verger:** Jan, **OHP:** Lynda **Coffee:** Volunteers needed

Readings Next Week: 29/04/2018

Acts 8.26 - end

Psalm 22.25 - end

1 John 4.7 - end

John 15.1 - 8

Next Week Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday at 8.30 am

Sunday 22nd APRIL EASTER 4	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Monday 23rd	6.00pm 7.00pm	Brownies Linden Community Singers
Tuesday 24th	10.00am 1.00pm - 2.30pm 6.00pm	Tiny Tots Little Angels Open Church
Wednesday 25th	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 26th	10.00am 10.45am 7.00pm	Holy Communion Coffee and Company Fitness Class
Friday 27th	6.00pm	That Friday Feeling
Saturday 28th	9.00am - 12.00pm	Gloucester Child Contact Centre
Sunday 29th EASTER 5	8.00 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

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