

## Weekly Notices

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This Holy week we pray to you, Lord:  
For the choices you made to bring the world hope,  
For your servanthood and humility,  
For your words of power and challenge of corruption,  
For the sacrifice of your life so we can fully live.  
In this turbulent and complicated world we pray to you, Lord:

For the countries in poverty and despair,  
For the nations in war, conflict and turmoil,  
For the peoples persecuted and rejected,  
For you to bring your kingdom of peace.  
In this world damaged by humanity we pray to you, Lord:

For those who farm the land, facing changes in weather,  
For countries in drought, flood, and starvation,  
For people helping and supporting those who have lost their land,  
For you to bring weather in season, and good crops.  
In this world of greed and bullying we pray to you, Lord:

For those facing loss of jobs, businesses and income,  
For those who have international, life-changing decisions to make,  
For those who have far too much, but desire more,  
For you to bring fairness, morality and generosity into selfish lives.  
In the family of this church and our community we pray to you, Lord:

For all our local leaders, councillors and MP,  
For all those who work in surgeries, schools, shops and all places that serve,  
For all those in need, in sickness, in pain and in turmoil,  
For you to bring your healing and light into darkness.  
In our own country we pray to you, Lord:

For time to rest, reflect, and pause our busyness,  
For a return to your ways of compassion and kindness,  
For the peoples' money to be spent wisely,  
For you to bring calm, vision and purpose.

Services for April 13th  
**Palm Sunday**  
8am Holy Communion BCP

**10 00am** Parish Eucharist  
Hymns; 11, 53, 435, 408

### Readings:

Isaiah 50: 4-9  
Philippians 2: 5-11  
Luke 23: 1-49

**6pm** Evening Prayer  
Psalm 69  
Isaiah 5: 1-7  
Luke 20: 9-19

Services for April 20th  
Easter Day  
8am Holy Communion BCP

**10.00 am** Parish Eucharist  
Hymns; 267, 26, 355, 503

### Readings

Acts 1-: 34-43  
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26  
Luke 24; 1-12

6pm No Evening Prayer  
This evening

### Prayer for today

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### The church electoral Roll

A complete revision of the Electoral Roll is required this year.

Everyone wishing to be included on the roll, which is required if you wish to vote at the Annual church meeting on April 13th. 2025, must complete and application form and send it back by April 1st.

Forms are available from Rita 07905845593

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### Dates for your diary

#### Additional Services over Lent and Easter

April 17th. 8pm Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th. 2pm -3pm Good Friday devotions

April 20th. 10am Easter Day Celebration Eucharist

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### A date for the diary

Saturday 12th July 12 for 12.30pm  
BBQ and wine  
In the Vicarage Garden

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### Need a plumber?

Give Mel Price a ring 07789324922

**Church website.** Check out the website regularly for updates and news of services etc.

Th Lighter side of life

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she can decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace