

St Columba Newsletter April 2022.

For your diary

All at St Columba Church unless otherwise stated.

Maundy Thursday 14 th April	Holy Communion	7.30 pm
Good Friday 15 th April	St Columba open for private prayer	12 noon to 3 pm
Easter Saturday 16 th April	Friend's Coffee Morning	10.30 to 12 noon
Easter Sunday 17 th April	Family Holy Communion	10 am
Wednesday 20 th	St Giles Alpha launch evening at St Giles Church	7 pm
Sunday 24 th April	Morning Prayer and Praise	10 am
Sunday 1 st May	Morning Prayer and Praise	10 am
Thursday 12 th May	Bereavement Journey begins in the Village Room	7.30 pm

I do hope that this newsletter finds you in good form and enjoying springtime; my favourite time of the year. It is of course the climax of the Christian year and I hope that we shall see you over the coming days. Holy week is a time for deep reflection and within it we can see the seeds of new birth on Easter day. By contrast Easter is a joyful triumph. "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia."

Bereavement Journey

I am delighted that Simon and Denise Bridgens' have agreed to run this course for us in Collingtree. I have been reviewing some of the material and it really is a gentle guide for those who could do with a little help and also an opportunity for those who have had recent experience to come and share. The first session is a taster evening, so do come along if you have lost someone and could do with a listening ear.

Alpha

Alpha provides a weekly space to ask all your questions about the Christian faith in a friendly environment with people, who, like you want to explore. There's a short talk, something good to eat and plenty of time to chat.

St Giles will be running the course shortly. From a St Columba perspective it would be great if a few people could "go and see" so that we can consider as a church how we might use Alpha in Collingtree. It is so much better to have people who have had some first-hand experience rather than me telling you all about it!

To find out more pick up a "Hope" card at the back of church.

May I wish you a very Happy Easter...

James

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