









Join us for Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday Sunday 24 th March  <i>Hosanna</i> in the highest! 10am Joint service starting at St. George's Church then palm procession to St. Peter & St. John's Church for joint Communion.  Join us on our walk between the churches	Reflections on the events of Holy Week  Monday 25 th March 8pm at St. George's Church Tuesday 26 th March 8pm at St. Peter and St. John's Church Wednesday 27 th March 8pm at St. George's Church	Maundy Thursday 28 th March 9.30am Holy Communion at St. George's Church 7.30pm Maundy Thursday service at St. Peter and St. John's Church  	Good Friday 29 th March 10.30am Family Workshop at St. George's Church 3pm Stations of the Cross at St. George's Church  8pm Vigil at the Cross at St. Peter and St. John's Church	Easter Day Sunday 31 st March Easter Celebration with Communion 10am at St. George's Church 10.30am at St. Peter and St. John's Church  Christ is Risen Wed 3rd April 1.30pm Family Easter Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt 
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Regular Services

We welcome you to our regular services:

9.30am Thursdays
10.00am Sundays

Morning Prayers

Join Rev. Philip for short morning prayers:

8.30am Tuesdays
8.30am Thursdays

Hire rates for casual users:

Church hall	£28/hour
Church	£40/hour
Bungalow: large room	£12.20/hour

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Good Friday


Good Friday Workshop
29th March
10.30am




Crafts, Easter Garden making, Storytime & Refreshments

Easter Celebration


Wednesday
3rd April
1.30pm


Games, Crafts, Storytime & Refreshments

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Come and See

Have you ever taken part in an Easter Egg hunt?

If the weather is nice it is great fun to hunt round the church grounds looking for brightly coloured eggs hidden all over the place. Once you have a full set you can trade them in for a chocolate egg!

It's a lovely Easter tradition that gets the kids outside and provides a bit of family fun. It also helps to capture some of the joy of the Easter season.



But sometimes we need reminding about the joy of the story, as the story of Easter is not just about happiness. There are some dark bits as well. Through Holy Week, we hear in church the story of how Jesus comes to Jerusalem as the promised Saviour, welcomed by everyone, only to be rejected by those very same crowds just a few days later. The story tells of how He is betrayed by one of His closest friends, Judas, and arrested on false charges. Everyone He knows and loves abandons Him as He is put on trial and condemned to death, with all the leaders of the people telling lies against Him. All in all, a story of shame and sorrow.

We hear about Jesus's despair in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of His arrest, of His care for others even as He hauls a heavy cross up to Golgotha, of His crucifixion between two criminals and of His death and burial.

But this was not the end of the story as so many at the time thought. In reality, it was just the beginning. The real story of Easter is about the empty tomb on that first Easter morning, when Mary Magdalene and the other women were the first to discover truth of Jesus's words about the Resurrection. So, **what starts off as a story of loss and pain is transformed into the most wonderful story of all! Jesus is alive,** and because He lives, we all can share in His eternal life as well.

So, to enjoy the wonderful story, **come and join us for our Easter Egg hunts** at church – one on Easter Sunday, and one on the Wednesday after Easter, so you can't miss it!

“Dear God” How to pray

There is no right or wrong way to pray, it is your connection to God, so to paraphrase Frank Sinatra 'do it your way.'

It doesn't matter who you are or where you are, what matters is your need and feelings. God already knows what is in your heart so the words aren't important. He understands emotions; anger, anxiety, fear, regret, thankfulness... Your prayers (and yourself) are important and of value, whatever it is you need to say or think or feel - God is there to listen.

There are times when a repeated word, phrase or verse is what is helpful or a set prayer like the Lord's prayer is what guides you in prayer but, most of all, open your heart and know that however you choose to pray it is enough, you are enough for God and your prayer will be heard. As Tennyson wrote: **"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."**

Air conditioning takes us to net zero.

At the start of February we installed six air conditioning units in the church (aka air to air heat pumps). The outside units are on the roof along with our solar panels, connected to the inside by the black trunking that you will see on the outside of the church.

The units are saving over three quarters of our heating energy.

The amount we generate in a year from our solar panels now matches the amount we use and so we have eliminated our net CO2 emissions. In total we have eliminated 17 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year from solar panels, improved hall insulation and heat pumps.

If you want to hire an air conditioned venue, look no further; you can hire the church building for £40 per hour.

And if you want more information and advice on reducing energy and CO2 emissions contact Phil.Hemsley@tiscali.co.uk



George's Grounds

There is growing interest in managing public spaces to be 'living landscapes' that are nature-friendly, following the recognition that green spaces in our towns greatly improve our physical and mental well-being.

Because of this, St. George's has ambitious plans for the grounds around the church. We are hoping to plant a wild-flower meadow and native shrubs and plants; to encourage more flowers and insects in the grassy areas; and to start some shared vegetable beds. In the longer term we hope to plant native trees, such as crab-apples, rowan, birch.

As well as these plans, **we would like to start an informal, monthly local gardening club:** to share ideas, tips, seeds and plants. Dates and times and location to be decided.

Contact cathy.hemsley@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these plans, or watch for information on the church notice board.

