



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

April/May 2018

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

“He is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

Those words are shared at the beginning of the Easter day service, announcing that we believe that Jesus, who was dead, is alive again. It can be a really difficult concept for us to think about and intellectually debate. Could Jesus have been unconscious rather than dead? Could somebody else have been substituted for Jesus? Did Jesus' friends move his body and bury it elsewhere? These are questions that might sow a seed of doubt in our minds about the resurrection, but perhaps that is one of the major gifts of faith...doubt.

It may sound rather strange but having doubt, rather than just blindly accepting the words and doctrines of faith, is what can make our faith stronger and more vibrant. We wrestle with the big questions that are posed by faith and come to our own belief and understanding of what/who God is. These are questions that have been examined by the great minds of history since and before the birth of Jesus, and as I type I am conscious of the loss of one of the greatest minds of the 21st century, as my news feed continues to interrupt me with tributes about the life and works of the world renowned physicist Prof Stephen Hawking. Hawking might not have believed in God, but he spoke at length about the value and fragility of human life: “Try and make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious, and however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up.” Having been diagnosed with motor neurone disease, in an interview he gave to the Guardian, May 2011, he is reported as saying, “I have lived with the prospect of an early death for the last 49 years, I'm not afraid of death, but I'm in no hurry to die. I have so much I want to do first.”

When the first followers of Jesus discovered that empty tomb on the first Easter morning it must have been a terrible shock. Jesus was gone, where was he? In Mark's Gospel the women are told by an angel – a messenger, that Jesus has risen and will meet with them in Galilee. The women are told to go and tell Peter and the other disciples this news, but they say nothing because, as the Gospel writer tells us, they were afraid. Fearful, afraid, wondering what others might say?

Well the news got out anyway and Jesus appeared to his followers in the Upper Room, on the road to Emmaus and at his ascension into heaven. There are many who have claimed to have seen him, experienced his presence or felt a sense of peace at a time of great chaos by calling upon his name or being with those who know him. As ever, if you'd like to know more and want to explore faith and/or doubt, please get in touch or come along to a Sunday or midweek service, details of which are in this newsletter.

The tomb is empty, but if you are seeking the risen Jesus, you will find him and discover a hope that is ‘death-proof’. Find that, and life will never be the same.

May you have a happy and joyful Easter.

Yours in faith,

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FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the families of John Nicholas Wilkins Smith and Phyllis May Poyser.
In Baptism we have welcomed Frank Leese.
In Marriage we have prayed for God's blessing on Richard Langton and Grace Chorley.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY

Date	Time	Service
April		
1	10.00 am	Holy Communion – EASTER
7	12.00	Wedding Smith-Jennings
8	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	7.00 pm	Easter Praise at St Nick's
15	10.00 am	Holy Communion & SHINE
21	2.30 pm	Wedding Poynor - Short
22	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	6.30 pm	Annual Church Meeting
26	2.15 pm	Mini Outing to Ashbourne
29	10.00 am	Joint service at St Paul's
May		
6	10.00 am	Holy Communion
10	7.30 pm	PCC
12	12.00	Wedding Cholerton-Trumper
13	10.00 am	All Age Worship
13-19		Christian Aid Week
20	10.00am	Holy Communion & SHINE
22	2.15 pm	Mini Outing to Borrowash
27	10.00 am	Morning Praise

SHINE (Sunday School) meets in the lower church hall from 9.45am on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Sunday 1st April is Easter Day. Our service of Holy Communion at 10am will reflect the joy of the Good News that Jesus is alive! There will be activities for children during this service and an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard afterwards (or in church if wet). All are welcome to join us, whether or not you wish to receive communion. Please remember to bring one or two short-stemmed flowers to place in our Easter cross!

CHURCH NEWS

Our next **Mini-outings** will be to Betty's Sewing Box in Cockayne Ave, Ashbourne on Thursday 26th April at 2.15pm and to the Pip Tree Café at Collyers Nurseries in Borrowash on Tuesday 22nd May at 2.15pm.

All are welcome and lifts can be arranged if needed – please telephone Jill Reed (see back page) by the day before the outing to arrange a lift.



The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm in church.

Christian Aid Week this year starts on Sunday 13th May. We shall endeavour to deliver as many envelopes as possible, as last year, but they may not be collected. The money raised during this campaign is vital to the work of Christian Aid, so we do hope you will still want to be generous. If you would like to make a donation and your envelope is not collected, please would you deliver it to the church or to one of the collection points in the village, or give it to someone who is coming to church. There will also be spare envelopes in church for anyone who does not receive one. You can also give online.



Lent Lunch 2018 – thank you

Many thanks to all who took part in the Lent Lunch at St Paul's, especially those who generously provided food, soup, cakes etc and helped out so well on the day. We raised £222 to help towards projects for the poor and needy in Nagpur.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place this year on Sunday 22nd April at 6.30pm in the church.

This is the AGM of St Paul's Church and is the meeting at which members of the church council are elected, reports on the past year are given and plans for the future may be discussed. Only those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, but all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

Confirmation Invitation

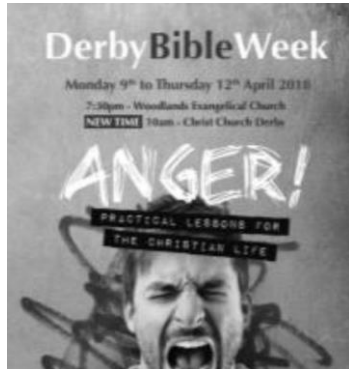
Are you interested in being confirmed?

After Easter, we will be running Confirmation classes for people aged from school year 5 upwards. If you are prompted to take this step or would like to know more about confirmation, please talk to Rev Becky Mathew. Her contact details are on the front page of this Newsletter.

There will be a Confirmation Service at St Paul's Quarndon on June 24th 2018 with Bishop Jan.

Announcement from The Bishop's Office:

There will be a farewell service for Bishop Alastair on Saturday 14th July at 3.30 pm at Derby Cathedral to which all are welcome.



Derby Bible Week

Speaker: Christopher Ash

Monday 9th to Thursday 12th April 2018

7:30pm – 9.00 at Woodlands Evangelical Church Allestree (with refreshments afterwards)

ALSO 10am – 11.45 at Christ Church Derby (refreshments from 10am)

COMMUNITY NEWS



A Book Sale

will be held at St Edmund's Church Hall, Kings Croft, Allestree on Saturday 14th April, 11am-1pm. Refreshments will be available.

Quarndon Cricket Club

The 2018-19 season is upon us and many exciting things will be happening at Quarndon Cricket Club, starting with our very popular Car Boots. They are on April 15th & 22nd. This is a very easy way to raise funds for your organisation, school, church, chapel, sports club, or just declutter and make some useful funds for yourself. If you want to have a boot at any of these contact Kate Dumelow 01332862666 or katedumelow@gmail.com

We have a Race Night , Gin Tasting , Valuation Day tba, and much more. Watch this space! Most importantly we have the cricket. Join us to watch the games. There are usually two games on every Saturday and, of course, junior matches.

Fund Raising at the club is for the continuation of all our Junior and Senior teams. We welcome all and we would really appreciate your support.

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in Quarndon church hall.

Thursday 12th April 2.30pm will be a Social Afternoon

Thursday 26th April 2.30pm is time once again for the AGM, the only formal day of our year. The meeting will be followed as usual by another lovely high tea.

Thursday 10th May 2.30pm will be a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 24th May we have an outing to the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas. The coach will leave the Church Hall at 9.45am. This will give us time for coffee, lunch and tea breaks and for those all-important rests! Electric scooters and wheel chairs must be pre-booked.

If anyone would like to join us on the coach please contact Tess on 01332 841366.

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. Please phone 550478 for details. On 5th April at 2.15 the W.I.'s speaker will be Valerie Gale who will talk about the Life of Jenny the Wren.

Ecclesbourne Barn Dance Club meets fortnightly on Tuesdays 7.30pm at Quarndon church hall.

A fun and friendly way of keeping fit. New members, including beginners, assured of a warm welcome. Enquiries to Rene Dobson 558908 or Peter Parkin 558571.

Church Hall bookings

The church hall is available for private or group hire and this can now be done through our church website. Just visit www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk and click on 'Hall Hire' to complete an online booking form. Alternatively you can telephone or email Pat Glover (see below).

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The deadline for copy for the newsletter is the 16th of the previous month, so copy for the June/July edition must be with the editor no later than **16th May**, please.