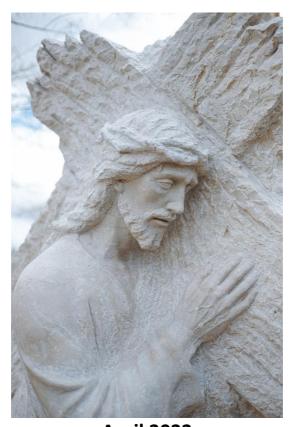
Christ Church Walmersley and St John with St Mark Bury

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



April 2022

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Week beginning 10 April -



Palm Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion - CCW 10.30am Worship Services with distribution of palms – CCW & SJM

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion – SJM7.30pm Seder Meal - St.Stephen's Elton see page 28



Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Parish Communion – CCW & SJM



Good Friday

9.00am Morning Service – CCW

12 noon Walk of Witness – see page 5

2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross - SJM

Easter Eve

6.00pm Easter Vigil – Bury Parish Church see page 4



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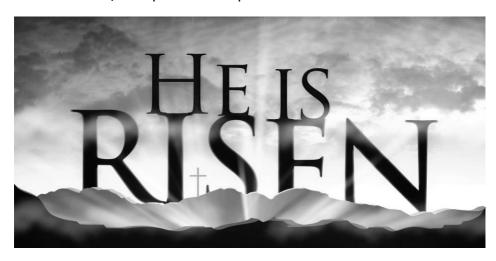
EASTER DAY

Holy Communion -8.30am SJM, 9.00am CCW 10.30am Parish Communion – CCW & SJM

Dear Friends

"Christ is risen" we proclaim on Easter Day.

Indeed that phrase is part of our Communion service, included in the Eucharistic Prayer. Note the use of tense – not an event in the past - Christ has risen, but spoken in the present – Christ **is** risen.



Although the events of that first Easter morning occurred around two thousand years ago, their significance and relevance are just as important today. The resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. It is the truth on which our faith stands. It is fundamental to our belief in a risen Messiah who died on the cross, was buried and then rose again.

It is about new life after death, new hope after despair and new beginnings after endings. If there had been no resurrection, there would be no hope. But the events of that early morning changed the world and continue to do so.

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When Mary Magdalene and the other disciples witnessed the empty tomb they did not understand what was going on. How could they? Noone had ever risen from the dead before. We are told from the Bible that it was only when they saw the Lord that some of them realised that Jesus' words were true and that he had indeed risen, just as he said he would.

Think of the story of Thomas - "Doubting Thomas" as he became known. He claimed that he would only believe when he had seen "The mark of the nails in his hands...." His reaction when he did see the signs that overcame his doubts, "My Lord and my God" are testimony to the awe and wonder that all Christians should feel at the world changing events of the resurrection. Jesus replies to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Although we have not seen for ourselves the risen Lord Jesus, we believe in Him as our Saviour. We live by faith, not by sight. But our faith in the resurrection can sustain us throughout our lives – on earth and in heaven – as we celebrate this wonderful event.

We can confidently proclaim

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA.

May the risen Lord be your constant companion this Easter and always.

With best wishes, Dave

Mission Community EASTER VIGIL

6.00pm on Saturday 16th April at Bury Parish Church Preacher: Canon Rachel Mann, Area Dean

Refreshments to follow



BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL



Apr 3	5th of Lent Isaiah 43: 16-21	Philippians 3:4-14	John 12: 1-8
Apr 10	Palm Sunday Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19: 28-40
April 17	Easter Day Acts 10: 34-43	1 Corinthians 15: 19-26	Luke 24: 1-12
Apr 24	2nd of Easter Acts 5: 27-32	Revelation 1: 4-8	John 20: 19-end
May 1	3rd of Easter Acts 9: 1-6	Revelation 5:11-end	John 21: 1-19



Good Friday Walk of Witness

This annual Walk, which is arranged by Churches Together in Bury, will start at Bury URC, Parsons Lane at 12 noon. We shall walk to the Rock near Barclays Bank where we shall sing hymns, and hear readings appropriate for Good Friday. At Bury Parish Church we shall have more readings and hymns, before a further stop in Kay Gardens, ending at St Marie's RC Church.



Everyone is welcome to share in this act of Christian witness to the community in our town.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

Feb 27 Dexter George King

"In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit....."

CHURCH FUNERAL SERVICE

Mar 10 Geoff Lay

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE CHURCHYARD

Feb 27 Arthur Smith

"I am the resurrection and the life....."



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Apr 3 No flowers during Lent
Apr 10 No flowers during Lent

Apr 17 The Congregation

Apr 24 In memory of Sarah Melling and Jack Illsley

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Hazel Bamford (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St John with St Mark).



(from the Diocesan website)

For many years CRUX has been an important channel of communication for churches in the Diocese of Manchester. We believe that CRUX still has an important role to play in keeping you, our parishioners, informed.

Despite the advances in digital technologies the availability of up-to-the-minute news on the diocesan social media channels

and website, a magazine is a great way for you to keep in touch with news, and enable members who are not online to remain connected to the wider diocesan family.

Now that coronavirus restrictions have eased and churches are opening up again for regular worship, we are pleased that CRUX will once again reach the hands of our regular worshippers across the diocese.

CRUX will now be published **five** times a year instead of monthly. For the first time, the magazine is provided and delivered to churches **free of charge.**

So we are delighted to be able to bring you FREELY news from across the diocese along with this magazine – it will be delivered, if this is the way you receive your copy, or may be picked up in either church.



* The situation in Ukraine has overshadowed recent events over the past few weeks and I am sure the people of that nation are in all our thoughts and prayers. Several people have asked me about how to help with supplies for those fleeing Ukraine and I have directed them to the Polish Centre in Bury who recently sent a convoy of humanitarian/medical help to Poland. They are continuing to collect material for further trips. They can be contacted at their headquarters on Back East Street, BL9 0RU and on 0161 764 5939. See also the article on page 20.

The Church of England website regularly updates a series of prayers and details of other means of support. There is a toolkit to find ways to pray, give and act at http://cofe.io/UkraineCrisis

- * Our Lent Groups conclude in the first week of this month. Two groups have been held since the beginning of the season and I would like to thank all those who attended and led sessions on this year's theme of "Embracing Justice".
- * A reminder that at 10.30am on the third Sunday of each month a service of Morning Worship / Café Church usually takes place at St.John with St.Mark. There will be a service of Holy Communion in church at 8.30am that day each month. This month being Easter Day both the 8.30am & 10.30am services on April 17 will be Communion.
- * Mission Communities continue to develop across the Diocese. The Revd. Julian Heaton, the Rector of Bury, has been appointed the Leader of our particular Mission Community. Each worshipping congregation will be expected to appoint a Focal Leader later this year. These can be lay or ordained and will be developed, trained and supported to work with others to lead the mission, growth and pastoral care of their churches.
- * Following the signing of the contract between Christ Church PCC and Morris Homes, the application for planning permission to build houses on the church field has begun. A submission has been made to Bury

Council and the public will be able to comment on Morris' application. Details will be made available from the Council.

- * Churches Together in Bury represent most of the Christian Churches in the town. The group meets every two months, with a prayer group which meets fortnightly. They have now begun to meet in person again. Anyone is able to attend these meetings. Details are in the Bulletin / News Sheet in the relevant weeks.
- * The Men of the Benefice (MOB) meet on the last Monday of each month. We gather at the Towler Inn from 8pm.
- * The Parish Office is open every Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall. This can be for enquiries about baptisms or weddings or any other matter.
- * Porch Boxes are always in need of food and toiletries especially in this current situation. A box is available at the back of both churches. Thanks to those who support those in need.
- * The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister meet every month usually on the second Monday evening. If you have an issue that you would like us to discuss, please contact one of the team.
- * Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the Treasurers.
- * If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Hazel Bamford (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark). If you wish to join the flower arranging rota, please get in touch also.
- * Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 14th day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk

Christian Aid Week is an annual event across the United Kingdom and beyond - involving fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN AID WEBSITE:



"This year Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of drought which numerous countries around the world face. It recognises that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate. The impact on the world population is great, as it means that millions of people around the world struggle to get the food and water that they need."

CAN YOU HELP?

Churches Together in Bury are planning to hold collections in the town centre on Saturday, 21 May with displays, refreshments and a quiet space at Bury United Reformed Church on Parsons Lane.

Please let us know if you could help by:

baking cakes serving washing up, etc

staffing the 'quiet space' or by collecting or counting cash.

John Brennan or Barbara Taylor have more details.

Watch out for further details of our Benefice's fundraising activities on the weekly News Sheets and in next month's magazine.



A **Good Friday** Anonymous quote

 $1 \operatorname{cross} + 3 \operatorname{nails} = 4 \operatorname{given}$

On the last page there is an invitation with an image of the traditional Seder meal, which is recreated by Christians to remind us of the institution of the Eucharist.

Do consider sharing in fellowship with members of our new Mission Community by attending this meal. Please ask if you would like transport. Menu details are on the back page and there are sign up sheets in both churches.

** Please note that Paul needs to know numbers and dietary requirements by Sunday 3rd April, so numbers can be given to the caterers. **

The foods on the Seder plate symbolize various parts of the story of Passover:

Karpas (Parsley) represents the tears that the Israelite slaves shed over their condition. Karpas also symbolizes the new spring.

Charoset (Apple, Nuts, Spices & Wine) symbolizes the mortar that the Israelite slaves used to construct buildings for Pharaoh.

Maror (Main Bitter Herbs) represents the bitterness of slavery.

Hazeret (Secondary Bitter Herbs) is another representation of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.

Zeroa (Shankbone) symbolizes the lamb that Jews sacrificed as the special Passover offering at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Beitzah (The Roasted Egg) symbolizes the korban chagiga or festival sacrifice that was offered at every holiday (including Passover) at the Temple in Jerusalem. Since the destruction of the Temple, the beitzah serves as a visual reminder of the chagigah. The roundness of the egg also represents the cycle of life - even in the most painful of times, there is always hope for a new beginning.

JACK & THE BEANSTALK



This year's Pantomime by the young people of St. John with St Mark was held from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th March, and was the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. It was a particularly challenging year this time, with the Covid situation delaying the original performance dates from January. This meant having to rebook cast, crew and helpers, and holders of pre-booked tickets having to

change their plans and dates.

It did not stop the performance going ahead though and Debbie had everything ready for curtain up on the Thursday. We opened with our introduction from Poison Ivy who set the scene for a great night and performance ahead. You all know the story, but this was complimented with the usual song and dance routines accompanied by the Circus people. It was obvious that even the smallest and youngest were having the time of their life. All the regulars were on stage; as well as Jack Trott, we also had Jill, Simple Simon, Squire Stoney-Broke and of course, Dame Trott (played as ever by Darren, who has become quite accustomed to the role of Panto dame). Back by popular demand also was Carnation the Cow (one loud awwww as she was sold for five mouldy beans). Apparently it was quite warm in that costume though!!

There has to be a mention as well for the beanstalk, which at one point looked like it was going to crash through the Church Hall roof for an aerial view of Bury!! Thanks to Tony and David Stamp for the effects on the night which helped the show along in the usual way.

The audience did not get away lightly though. It was their turn to help with the singing of Old Macdonald in the customary end of show competition. Once again, the cast put 100% into their performances and all looked to be enjoying what they were doing.

A huge thank you to all who helped, even in the smallest way, such as sewing costumes, applying make up, brewing at the interval or cleaning up afterwards. A special thanks to Debbie as ever, for the time and commitment to the pantomime. We understand plans are already in place for next year. Wonder what it will be in 2023!

At the end of each show there was a collection for Ukraine appeals. We understand over £300 had been raised at one point, so thanks to everyone who contributed to that.



Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself, Calling angels from above, But He chose to pay our price for sin; He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday, But the cross did not destroy His resurrection on Easter morn That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death, Like His, is just a rest. We'll be forever with Him In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus, Think of Him in all we do. Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord. Help us love like you!

Joanne Fuchs

A Lenten hope

O Father, give us the humility which

Realises its ignorance

Admits its mistakes

Recognises its need

Welcomes advice

Accepts rebuke

Help us always

To praise rather than to criticise

To sympathise rather than to condemn

To encourage rather than to discourage

To build rather than to destroy

Palm Sunday

Let us enter the city with God today
Let us sing hosanna to our king
To the son of God riding on a donkey
With shepherds and prostitutes,
With the blind and the leper
With the abandoned and oppressed
Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming
And follow the One who welcomes the sinner
and dines with the outcast
Let us touch and see as God draws near
Riding in Triumph towards the Cross



Easter

Against all hope, against all understanding, against all the odds **Jesus is risen**

For the hungry child, for the grieving widow, for the beaten prisoner

Jesus is risen

In the refugee camp, in the hospital ward, in the suburban street

Jesus is risen

In the forests, in the mountains, beside the seas

Jesus is risen

In the lives of the faithful, in the witness of the hopeful, in the hearts of the loving

Jesus is risen

Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Jesus, the borrower

The people of the world have known, and still know their need of a Saviour.

When he comes, he comes as one in need.

He is born in a borrowed stable, and learns the trade of a borrowed father.

He eats and sleeps in borrowed homes, Preaches from borrowed boats,

Enters his capital on a borrowed donkey.

Eats his last meal in a borrowed room.

Betrayed for borrowed money,

He is aided on the cross by a borrowed shoulder.

Borrows a home for his mother,
and is buried in a borrowed tomb.

Risen and alive, he is still a borrower: He wishes to borrow you and me.





We do hope that you will join us for our meeting on 6 April, when Ian Banks' talk is entitled "Visual Reflection: Art and Faith in Lent"

On 20 April Barbara and Nigel will ensure we enjoy an "Easter Extravaganza" – please come along, whether a member or not you will be most welcome.

Please make a note in your diary of Spring Council which will be held in 90 Deansgate on Saturday, 7 May. These are always enjoyable and most informative meetings. It also provides a great opportunity to chat over your packed lunch with members from around the diocese, as well as a browse in the well stocked shop.

Thursday Prayers on YouTube will be live from noon on Maundy Thursday, 14 April, with the theme of "Passiontide".

May I wish you all a blessed Easter,

Bob Taylor, Branch Leader

From Mary Sumner House

Our response to the crisis in Ukraine:

Mothers' Union firmly stands with the people of Ukraine during this dark hour, we have issued a statement on our website and will continue to pray for all those affected by this war. We have been asked if the Mothers' Union Emergency Fund is being used to provide humanitarian support. Historically this fund has prioritised activities where MU has active networks and representation, which we do not currently have in the Ukraine. We suggest using the DEC appeal if members wish to donate towards emergency relief.

We know MU members already work tirelessly to support refugees from different parts of the world and have both expertise and networks to deliver this work across Britain & Ireland. Please let us know if you would like to be involved, as we begin to jointly map a way forward. Contact Andrea at MothersUnionManchester@outlook.com or 0161 828 1427.

Men of the Benefice



Unfortunately a last minute meeting for Mission Communities meant that we had a small turn out for MOB at The Towler on Monday 28th February. Therefore we did not have a set theme, but still an opportunity to sit and chat and catch up. It is always

entertaining to hear about the latest goings on at the Thursday gardening and maintenance club at Christ Church. Seems the place to be on a Thursday morning!

No meeting took place in March due to Lent, however we expect to resume at The Towler on Monday 25th April. Please look out for updates on the weekly sheets and in Church.

David Robinson





Thank you to anyone who has volunteered to lead an Open Group meeting this year, and for those who have said they will help on the evenings with tea and coffee. Please keep a note of the date of Wednesday 11th May,

when we hope to resume. The April date is now looking uncertain as we clash with Holy Week, and April can usually be a busy time around Church. However, if we have waited two years, then I am sure we can wait another month! Please let me know if you are interested in doing anything.

David Robinson





Do you have any completed jigsaw puzzles? Joan Pearson is aiming to collect as many as possible for sale at future fairs at St. John with St. Mark. They do not have to be brand new; second hand ones are fine, as long as complete.

If you can help, please contact Joan or drop off at Church. Thank You





Sunday @ Seven

We next meet for our regular Sunday evening informal worship (song/reflection/prayer)

April 24th at 7pm Easter Rising!



Come and join with us for an hour of relaxed worship and reflection. This month we celebrate the good news of that first Easter morning.

We will meet in the Barritt Room at St. John with St Mark Hall. Or you can join in via Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.

World Day of Prayer



This service was welcomed warmly by those attending. The theme of "I know the plans I have for you" *Jeremiah 29:11* seemed so appropriate for the current situation.

We thank Geoff who played for us, Tricia who led, and all who contributed readings, as we heard of those who can feel excluded; living in poverty, in fear, in isolation being three situations which were explored.

As the service this year had been written by England, Wales and Northern Ireland, it was very special to have Jane to lead the Lord's Prayer in Welsh. Also added was a prayer for Ukraine.

We pray that the offering, in the words used, "may be used according to God's will for the benefit of all."

Thanks to those who provided and served refreshmens, giving everyone an opportunity for fellowship.



We wanted to say THANK YOU to Christine who has printed our magazine for a number of years but can no longer do so.

She responded with a photo and this message:

Thank you all so very much for my beautiful flowers and fantastic vase!!! I'm always short on good sized vases and this one is fab!

Thank you all, you are very kind. Christine



Scouts
9th Bury (Walmersley)

I wanted to share how proud we are of all our beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers who have made this amazing contribution to the Ukrainian people.



This is the first donation we are making and we are hoping to make it an ongoing thing, so if any of the congregation would like to join us in sending our love and hope then please contact me and I will collect.

 9^{th} Walmersley has joined with 8^{th} and 22^{nd} Prestwich to send donations over to Poland where they will be distributed to those in need. So far six vans have been sent over by the 8^{th} & 22^{nd} groups and we are delighted to be helping with future contributions.

Items that are the most needed are:

Sanitary items

Torches

Anything medical

Medicines like calpol

Cough medicines

Roll mats

Sleeping bags

Nappies

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Toiletries

Power banks to charge phones as the electricity has been cut off



Along with our contributions we are sending 9 teddies who are taking our love to the children. Please meet



DREAM

ANGEL

PEACE

SERENITY

LOVE

FAITH

HOPF

JOY

SHINE

May they help keep the nightmares at bay.

Carole Nicol (Koda) Group Scout Leader

carole.nicol@brscouts.org.uk

LOVE

"LOVE is a fire that inflames the heart LOVE is a light that enlightens the soul LOVE is a fountain that satisfies LOVE is a dew which fertilizes LOVE is a repose that refreshes LOVE is a virtue which gives us strength LOVE causes God to dwell in our souls LOVE is a bond which binds

LOVE is a treasure containing every good"



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

St.John with St.Mark: Sunday 1 May 12noon

Christ Church : Monday 16 May 7.30pm

COME ALONG & INFLUENCE THE WAY YOUR CHURCH OPERATES

Forms to elect new Churchwardens and PCC members will be available in church nearer the time of the meetings.

Please note: Only those on the Church's Electoral Roll may vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES



St.John with St.Mark

10.30am **15 May 2022**

Christ Church

10.30am **22 May 2022**

All café church services are held in the church halls

ASCENSION DAY

40 days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the day Jesus left this earth and returned to His Father in heaven.

Thursday 26 May

7.30pm

Services at both
St.John with St.Mark & Christ Church

"So we in heart and mind may also ascend...."

JOINT SERVICE

for the congregations of St.John with St.Mark & Christ Church

to Celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**



Sunday 5 June

10.30am

at St.John with St.Mark

Your life is made up of two dates and a dash.

Make the most of the dash.

REGULAR SERVICES

COVID-19: Please be aware of any current restrictions as you read this edition, together with the diocesan advice on best practice.

Sunday 8.30am		
8 30am		
0.50a111	3 rd Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00am	All Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1st Holy Communion 2nd Family Service 3rd Holy Communion 4th Service of the Word	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Holy Communion 3 rd Morning Worship 4 th Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5th Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven	Venue tba
Wednesday		
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
Thursday		
12.30 p.m.	The Gathering	Zoom
2.00 p.m.	1 st Holy Communion	Christ Church
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Other services as announced.

Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

Morning Prayer is said each day at 9.30 a.m.

Evening Prayer is said each day at 5.00 p.m.

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens. Both churches have Fairtrade status



Personal details have been removed in our online edition for data protection purposes.

Please contact us through our websites or social media accounts and we will ensure your message reaches the correct person.

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made at the Parish Office held at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm.

Lots more info on our websites: https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk

https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com

Check out Facebook @christchurchwalmersley

@stjohnstmark

Twitter @cofewalmersley
Instagram cofewalmersley
and YouTube CofE Walmersley

FOR YOUR APRIL DIARY

Sun 3		5 th of Lent
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Mon 4	7.30pm	Lent Group (Barritt Room & Zoom)
Wed 6	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 7	2.00pm	Lent Group (CC Hall)
Sun 10		Palm Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)

Please see page 2 for details of Holy Week and Easter services

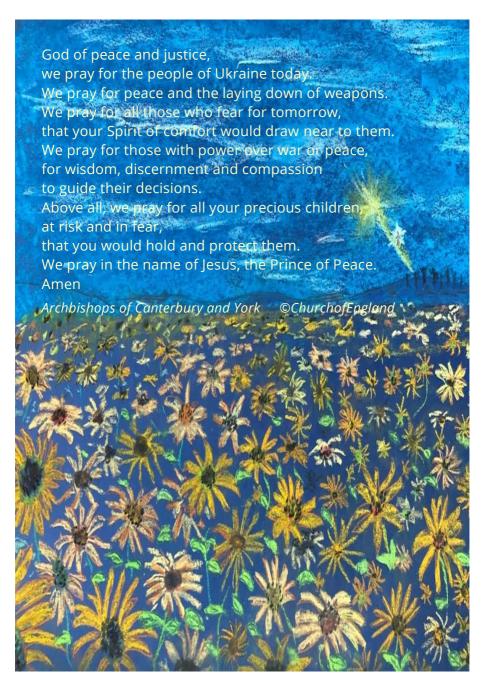
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 21	12noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 24		2 nd of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (Barritt Room and Zoom)
Mon 25	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (The Towler)



Pam Cowie would like to thank all who supported her coffee morning, raising £117 for St John with St Mark's Church funds.

In addition £50 was donated for the Ukraine appeal.

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SEDER MEAL

The Passover Seder is a meal at the beginning of the Jewish festival.

It was the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples.

Join us as we recreate this special meal He had with His disciples and through readings, music and prayer enter into the origins of the Eucharist.

St Stephen's Centenary Room, Belbeck St. 7.30pm Wednesday 13th April 2022

Suggested donation £10.00 (to cover costs)

Menu

Starters - foods representing the origins of the Passover
Main Course - Lamb Hot Pot with accompaniments
Dessert - Cakes
(wine and soft drinks included, a vegetarian option will be available)

For more info contact Paul on 07795810016 or email paul270159@gmail.com

