

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today: If you wish to receive communion or a blessing in your pew, please let the wardens know. When receiving communion at the altar rail, please take up places from the right-hand side, waiting for those ahead of you to receive the elements, and leave via the side aisles to avoid congestion. If you wish to receive the wine of Communion, this is received directly from the chalice; **we ask that you do not intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine.**

Litter Pick today around the Churchyard from 11.30 to 12.30 after the 10.00am service. It's got quite messy – so do come and help. We'll meet in the car park at 11.30 and finish at 12.30pm. Unfortunately we won't be able to enjoy a shared picnic, as the hall is unavailable.



6.30pm at St. Mary's Selly Oak
'The Well' ~ Spirituality, Suffering and Stitching
with the Revd. Dr. Sarah Hayes. All are welcome.

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Kate Stowe. **Please note that this service may start a little later as the school Easter service may overrun.**

Friday: 7.00pm **A Service of COMPLINE**

Next Week: SUNDAY April 13th ~ PALM SUNDAY

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Parish Communion with Parade**- this start at the cricket pitch

6.30pm **Full Choral Evensong**

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year a completely new Electoral Roll is compiled rather than annual revision of the existing one. All current names will be removed and if you wish to be included in the new roll, you will need to fill in an application form. These have been emailed or posted out where possible. Forms are now available in church and can be posted in the box there. **The Roll is open from today until Sunday April 20th, when it will close** to be prepared for presentation at the APCM on Sunday May 5th. To find out if you live within our parish, there is a list of street names and a parish boundary map at the back of church.



TO CELEBRATE the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, we are planning a 'street-party' style picnic and sing-along concert on **SATURDAY MAY 17th**. We would like to have a display of any memorabilia, artefacts, bits and bobs from the 1940s – so have a delve into the archives and the attic and see if there is anything you could bring along on the day.

This also coincides with the end of Christian Aid Week, an organisation also celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. And the church hall garden is 26 in May! Please keep your eyes open for information about 1945 party food recipes and sign-up sheet for this event. If you can help on the day, speak to Jo Werrin, Anne Collins or Maggie Davies. Oh – and there will be the pull-a-string bottle stall on the day, so contributions welcomed.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,
Working for God, Welcoming All**

To Newcomers: We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.

Pew slips can be found at the back of the church.

Please take this notice sheet home.

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SERVICES FOR SUNDAY April 6th 2025
PASSIONTIDE

8.00am
Holy Communion
Green Prayer Book

10.00am PARISH COMMUNION
Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Anderson

Organ Voluntary: Folk Song, ~ C.Armstrong Gibbs

First Hymn: 707 omit *

Sermon: Sarah Bagnall

Offertory Hymn: 489

**Anthem: When I survey the Wondrous Cross ~
Malcom Archer**

Communion Hymn: 142

Final Hymn: 806

**Recessional Voluntary: Jubilate Deo, ~ C.Armstrong
Gibbs**

6.30pm
NO SERVICE

RIP Alan Mackay

Brian Otieno

Jennie Lawrence

Daniel King

Canon John Paul Hoskins

The Memorial Service for the late **Jennie Lawrence** will take place in church on **Friday April 11th at 1.30pm**- all are welcome.

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm; this service of Holy Communion sees the stripping of the altar and the washing of feet. Please add your name to the **sign-up sheet** at the back of church if you are willing to be part of the washing of feet in this re-enactment of the Last Supper.

We are hoping, once again, to have fresh lilies for Easter this year. If you would like to remember a loved one please make your donations to the parish office along with the name(s) of those you wish to remember.

Due to the cost of the flowers per stem, we would ask, if possible, for a minimum donation of £5 please.



SUNDAY April 6th 2025

PASSIONTIDE

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Long ago the Lord made a road through the sea,
a path through the swirling waters.
He led a mighty army to destruction,
an army of chariots and horses.
Down they fell, never to rise,
snuffed out like the flame of a lamp!
But the Lord says,
"Do not cling to events of the past
or dwell on what happened long ago.
Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already—you can see it now!
I will make a road through the wilderness
and give you streams of water there.
Even the wild animals will honor me;
jackals and ostriches will praise me
when I make rivers flow in the desert
to give water to my chosen people.
They are the people I made for myself,
and they will sing my praises!"

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

WHERE DO YOUR TALENTS LIE?

Are you good at helping others – young and old? Can you plan, organise, help out at social events? Are you someone handy with the tools and good at fixing things? Is admin & paperwork your forte? Do you have a head for figures? ST. PETER'S IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND IN MANY WAYS. DO CHAT WITH REVD. KATE IF YOU CAN OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN ANY WAY AND JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES AND GROUPS.



FIDGET TOYS

To support our congregation, we now have a bag of fidget toys available for use. It is bright yellow, marked 'Fidget Toys', and will be visible as you enter church. There is also a clear plastic box with lid marked: *Fidget Toys to be Sanitised*. Please put any toys used in this box as you depart. Many thanks.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated their used branded printer cartridges, which have gone to the charity Just 4Children - <https://just4children.org/>. If you are not already handing them in to another charity or recycling facility, please do **continue** to put them in the box in the church porch.

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Yellow GIFT AID ENVELOPES



If you donate cash or cheque using one of the yellow envelopes and are a UK taxpayer, please fill your name and postcode in on the front of the envelope. This allows us to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give. This can make a big difference to the income of the church, giving us more to fund God's work.

