

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Do please come and support the choir for **Full Choral Evensong** tonight at 6.30pm as we celebrate Passiontide with glorious music.

Wednesday

10.00am **Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Kate Stowe**. Please note that there will be a service of **Morning Prayer** instead of Holy Communion on Wednesday 8th April.

Friday

8.00pm **Compline**

NEXT WEEK ~ PALM SUNDAY

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Parish Eucharist with Parade**

6.30pm **Full Choral Evensong**

The last **Lent Course** sessions will be on **Tuesday and Thursday** of this week.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please send donations and the names of those being remembered to the Parish Office. Thank you



Our Church Electoral Roll will be open for amendments and additions from April 5th - 9th. This revision takes place before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday May 17th. See the ER list at the back of church to check your details; application forms for inclusion on the Roll are also available.



The church will be open during Holy Week between 1.30-3.30pm on Tuesday-Thursday and Good Friday from 12.00-3.00pm

Wednesday March 25th: Installation of Archbishop Sarah as 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. The service will be shown on BBC TV from 2.30pm. Bishops Michael and Esther will be attending.



Maundy Thursday

7.30pm there will be a Eucharist Service with the Washing of Feet. If you would like to volunteer to have your feet cleansed, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Good Friday

Junior Church Good Friday Workshop 10.00-11.45am in the hall followed by a short service in church; Easter crafts, biscuit decorating, Easter Egg hunt; Refreshments provided; £3 per child, £5 per family to cover costs of materials.

Three Hours Reflections 12-3pm

12-1pm - Silent Prayer; 1-2pm Choral Reflections; 2-3pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Performance of Faure's Requiem 7.00pm in church; soloist Sam Gray

To listen: The performance begins at 7 pm

To sing: The rehearsal begins at 5.30 pm; Dress black and white - any form; Copies please bring your own copy (Novello). For further details, please contact:

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Come along to listen or join us to sing

WELCOME TO ST. PETERS 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 **welcome slip** at the back of the church and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Please take this notice sheet home.

www.stpeterharborne.org.uk

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

If not already occupied by the Boulders Group, the Side Chapel (where there is audio connection to the Service), is available to you if your **young Children or babies** want to carry on singing when everyone else has stopped (particularly during the quiet bits!)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MARCH 22nd 2026 PASSIONTIDE

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Green Prayer Book

10.00am

PARISH COMMUNION

Common Worship ~ HA & M

Setting: Murray

Organ Voluntary: O Lamm Gotte, unschuldig - *J. S Bach*

First Hymn: 707

Responsorial Psalm



Offertory Hymn: 628

Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Anthem: When I survey the wondrous cross - *Malcolm Archer*

Communion Hymn: 142

Final Hymn: 612

Recessional Voluntary: Fantasia in C minor - *Bach*

6.30pm

FULL CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 417

Responses: William Byrd

Psalm: 30

Canticles: Second Service - William Byrd

OT Lesson: Lamentations 3.19-33

NT Lesson: Matthew 20.17-24

Anthem: I waited for the Lord - *Felix Mendelssohn*

Homily: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Final Hymn: 86

Recessional Voluntary: Fantasia & Fugue - *J S Bach*

RIP

Revd Canon Ian Michael

Lynn Waites

Bishop Andrew Watson

Miranda Hewitt

Joan Edwards

Fula Bulus

SUNDAY MARCH 22nd 2026 PASSIONTIDE

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews

had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going into the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY LEAD

Could you take the role of Health & Safety Lead for our church and hall? Please speak to Revd. Kate if you would be interested; for more information about church H&S, look at <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/info-for-parishes/property-team/health-safety/health-safety.php>

To tie in with our Patronal Festival in June and to raise money for the "Tower of Strength" Appeal, there will be a **Flower Festival** running from June 25th to 28th and the theme will be... **TOWERS!** More information may be found in the flyers which you have been given with the pew sheets. Please check pigeonholes at the back of church for specific group invitations.

A BIG thank you to Charles Weston who has put together a display in the church hall foyer of photographs and other invaluable information with regards to the condition of the church tower. Do take a look when you make your way over to the hall after the service.