

7th April 2019

**Please join us after the service
for coffee/ tea/ toast in the Lounge**



Services this week:

Sunday 7th	4pm	"Passover Agape" in Lounge Catechumens & newcomers	
Tuesday	9.15am	Morning	Prayer
	7.15pm	<u>Stations & Communion</u>	
Thursday	10am	Eucharist followed by coffee	
Friday	<u>8.15am</u>	Morning Prayer & Eucharist	

**Friendly
Friday Café**
Every Friday
11am – 2pm
In the Lounge

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday

10am Procession, Passion Reading & Eucharist

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Sick and Those in Need:

MON Jane Backhouse, Ann Ryan, Beryl Murray, Pat Buffery, Andrew & Gail and Robin, Diane Brownhill, Bill Joyce, Pam & Bill.

TUE Oakley Cutajar, Michael Nenes, Martin & Marilyn Wall, Sarah Hollender, Sheila & Charlie Rooke, Susan Davies, Corinna Nichols, David & Anne Gadd, Evelyn Fulford.

WED Mary and Robert Dunbar, Janet Coleman, Emma Hollis, Joanne Orchison, Jacqueline & Peter Roberts, Adrian Roberts, Julie Hope.

THR Peter Conabeer, Natasha Ridgeway, Adrian & Jayne Middleton, Tracy Weir, Mark Smith, Gina Yates, Vera Lines, Narindra Singh, Liz Hinett, Inis Ridgeway.

FRI Sue Kyte, Pat Evans, June Ramsay, Marion and Chelsea Townsend, Ruby Matthews, Shirley Woodley, Robert Taylor, Linda Hope, Terry Baxter.

SAT Dorothy Lawrence, Janet Jarrett, Justine Hatfield, Alice O'Toole, Samantha Clarkson, Karen Smith, Hettie Kerr, Keith Breakwell, Tony Pickard

The Departed Sam Dolphin, Paul Lightfoot

Holy Week Services are on the Easter Card

Make sure you've got one, and take cards for family friends and any others you know who might be interested. In addition to the main services on the card, there will be **evening Eucharists on Mon., Tue., and Wed.** at 7.15pm. Mon. and Wed. at St John's, and Tue. here. The addresses will be given by Fr Barrie, Fr Adam & Rev Sarah on the Gospel themes of our Lent Course.

Meetings PCC – We will need to meet as soon as we can when accounts back from auditor – Please watch for notifications

Church Cleaning and Decoration for Easter

Holy Saturday (20th) 10am, following Morning Prayer at 9.15.

Not just a chore but a salutary spiritual readying for Easter Day!

Confirmation 2019 Corpus Christi, Thur. 20 June at 7.30pm. Now's the time to be enquiring if you are an adult or young person (10+) interested in Confirmation (including Baptism for those who need it.) See Fr. Adam or call him on 07913891221.

Adult Preparation Sessions - today *Sunday 7 April at 4pm* will be a "Passover" gathering including recently confirmed, and newcomers.

Parish Easter Cards Thanks to all who have completed deliveries

Parish Annual Meeting Sunday 28 April, after church.

This year we will be electing a new churchwarden, as well as PCC. Nomination forms in church. Please see speak to Vicar or wardens if you want to know more about these roles.

Children's Society Boxes The Children's Society is the C. of E's principal charity helping families in trouble. Many of us support it by having a collecting box through the year. If you'd like a box, please see Lal. If you already have a box, please return it to Lal to be emptied. Thank you.

Food Bank – Thanks for donations & keep them coming! They especially need long life milk, sugar, tinned meats and toiletries.

"Embrace the Middle East" Another charity that St Matthew's has supported for many years, thanks to the Sunday School, which committed itself to give £20 a month for a "sponsored child" in the Bethlehem area. This work goes on and it is all the more important that we continue our support, in these troubled times for the Middle East. Please give donations to Janet Cook, to sustain our monthly commitment.

Fundraising for Christian Aid This year we have decided to discontinue door-to-door envelope collecting, which will be a relief to those who have faithfully persevered with it. Medals all round! Instead, we are planning a programme of fundraising social events. Please mark these dates on your calendar (or diary or phone or whatever) and don't miss them. Let's have fun and raise some funds! They are all Saturday evening events, except of course the breakfast.

Sat. 11th May **Beetle Drive**

Sat. 8th June **Skittles**

Sat. 15th June **Big Breakfast** at Baptist Church

Sat. 29th June **Quiz**



