

**ST FRANCIS CHURCH  
HEARTSEASE**

**SUNDAY  
17<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30am**

**CELEBRATING TOGETHER  
for**

**EASTER DAY**

**'Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**

**ALL ARE WELCOME  
HERE**



## **NEW WAYS OF WORSHIPPING TOGETHER SAFELY**

**We ask that you show consideration for those who are continuing to wear face coverings and to practice social distancing to enable them to feel safe.**

**We will continue to remain seated throughout the service.**

**Today we re-introduce administering Holy Communion in both kinds - by the receiving of the Bread of Heaven and the offering of the cup of salvation.**

**Please come to the chancel step when asked to receive the bread [which is gluten free] and the wine which will be offered from the common chalice.**

**If you do not yet feel comfortable in sharing the chalice, please be assured it is perfectly acceptable to receive communion through the Bread of Heaven alone.**

**If you are not yet ready to share in Holy Communion but would like a blessing from a Priest simply stand and bow your head.**



**The bread is now a gluten free flatbread and there is no longer any need to request a special wafer.**

## **SERVICES IN EASTER WEEK – ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Weds: Morning Prayer	9am	Thurs: Morning Prayer	9am
		Evening Prayer	5pm
BCP Eucharist	11.30am	Sun: Celebrating Together (Holy Communion)	10.30 am

## **A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

God of Peace and Justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment  
and

compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the Prince of Peace. Amen

## **UKRAINE LENT APPEAL**

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR LENTEN OFFERING IN THE COLLECTING BUCKET SITUATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. ALL MONEY DONATED WILL BE SENT TO THE DEC UKRAINE APPEAL**

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

We pray for those who have asked for prayer: Jason; Sharon; Janet and David; Joyce; Maureen; Alex & Amanda.

Praying too for all those who are managing long term issues including: Alan & Maureen; Shirley and Richard; Kathryn, Willow, & Edward; Martin & Margaret; Megan & Jeanette; Riley and his family; Sheila; Charlotte, Maegan & Carson; Rosemary; Cynthia & David; John and Jane; Rosie, and Pete; Shirley.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home; Omnia; and Hebron House.

We remember those who have died in recent days, for those who loved them and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend.

## **COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christhe is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of

the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

✘ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

✘ **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

✘ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

✘ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

✘ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

✘ **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

✘ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

✘ **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

✘ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

✘ **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

✘ The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

✘ **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

✘ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## **John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **FORTHCOMING DIARY DATE...**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 11.45pm at St Francis** – Annual General Meeting, all welcome. We have 3 vacancies on our PCC, if you are interested please attend. If you would like to be nominated for or to nominate someone for our PCC please speak to David Lechmere who will explain what is involved and supply the necessary forms. The legally required notices are displayed in our porch.

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**LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED!**

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