Sunday 24th March 2024 Toothill Church Newsletter

'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'



10.30 Rev Mark Tidev **Palm Sunday**



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Weds 11.00 Mr David Hoar **Midweek Lent Communion Service**

Maundy Thurs 19.30 Rev Mark Tidey **Holy Communion at Toothill**

Good Friday 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey All Age Worship at Toothill

> 12.30 Prayer walk from Toothill to Holy Trinity Shaw: Angela Mak (Optional) bring sandwiches to at in Toothill Church before the walk.

14.00 Holy Hour Reflections at Holy Trinity Shaw at Easter experience stations with Angela Mak

Good Friday 19.00 Wendy Deverell Tenebrae Service at St Mary's

06.15 Rev Trevor Day Easter Day Sunrise Holy Communion Service at St Mary's **Easter Day**

Easter Day 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey **Holy Communion**

Water Aid - During Lent



During Lent we collect jars of money for Water Aid

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights.

They should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. That's why we're here. With the help of amazing people like you, we're

working with our partners in some of the toughest places in the world. Together, we've already reached millions of people with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, enabling entire communities to unlock their potential, break free from poverty and change their lives for good. And while installing taps and toilets is essential to our work, we do so much more.

Bring your jars of money with you on Easter Day.

For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included https://devotions.urc.org.uk/ By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

Activities in Toothill Church

| Monday | 10.00 – 12.00 The Hub | Every week |
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| Monday | 14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1st & 3rd Mondays | Next 15 th April 2024 |
| Monday | 17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays | Every week term time only |
| Tuesday | 10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group | Next 26 th March 2024 |
| Wednesday | 12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week | Every Week |
| Thursday | 10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies | Every week |
| Friday | 10.30 – 12.00 Music Group every 2 nd and 4 th Friday | Next 12 th April 2024 |
| Friday | 17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club | Every week term time only |

Welcome Space every Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Toothill Church is open for anyone to come and meet and have a chat while keeping warm. There is: Free soup, bread and hot drinks available, and a selection of board games, Jigsaws, dominoes, crafts and adult colouring etc.

Welcome Space Jumble Sale Saturday 6th April

The Welcome Space is having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 6th April at Toothill Church from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Free entrance and refreshments. All proceeds to go to the Welcome Space Fund. Any queries see Debbie or Tony.

Wednesday 24th April Partnership Annual General Meeting

The Partnership AGM will take place in Toothill Church at 19.00 on Wednesday 24th April.

Sunday 12th May Partnership Service in Toothill Church_build your Kingdom here.

It will be an opportunity to give thanks for all that has passed, to commit to God and to building God's Kingdom in West Swindon now and in the future. It will be led by lay worship leaders from across the partnership.

Each of the partnership churches are invited to provide the following towards the shared lunch following the service...

Holy Trinity - Deserts/puddings St. Mary's - Cold finger food Toothill - Hot food Westlea - Crisps and snacks

We will be showing photographs of the churches activities through the years before and after the service. Can you please ask your folks to look out any such photos they have and email them to markdowling@wswinlyd.onmicrosoft.com.

If you have any questions do come back to me.

Thank you.

Grace and peace...

Mark.

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Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we are praying.

Updates about those being prayed for are welcome.

Please pray for:

Alan (Emma's brother-in-law), Eileen and her family, Emma's friend Kate Storer, Jan and Gordon, Norma, Sarah and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph.

We pray for Trevor whose twin brother Mike died last Sunday and we pray for all the family as they grieve.

Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership,

Welcome Space in our churches,

Our home congregation,

Our work with children, Hazelwood Academy, young people and families in Toothill and West Swindon.

Prayer for His Majesty the King.

Heavenly Father, whose love enfolds us with healing and hope, we pray for Charles our King as he faces the challenge of cancer.

May your healing touch bring him quickly back to health and wholeness.

Look with kindness on Queen Camilla and all the Royal Family at this testing time.

Give wisdom, skill and compassion to those who are caring for the King.

Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King, comfort and sure confidence in you, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 via Zoom

To Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105668938?pwd=OERYZ0FEUndjcnVpRUJxaVhrOWswUT09

Prayer for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

The blessings of this week will be

Extravagant

unexpected

transforming:

The extravagant blessings of the One

who remember those who the world will usually shun:

The unexpected blessing of the One.

Who will tell of betrayal coming, but still shares his bread:

The transforming blessing of the One

who knows we will not always keep watch, but still calls us his friends.

The extravagant, unexpected and transforming blessing of Christ,

being beaten and crucified,

Be ours this week and for eternity. Amen

URC Prayer handbook Anne Sardeson

Swindon Borough Council

Swindon Borough Council are looking for people to act as poll clerks in the forthcoming Police & Crime Commissioner and Local Elections on Thursday 2 May.

Clerks are employed to carry out administration duties at polling stations across the Borough to ensure voting is carried out correctly. On Election Day, polling staff are required to work from 6:30am until 10.00pm and undertake training prior to the day which is provided online. To find out more about becoming a poll clerk, click the link Apply to work at forthcoming elections | Swindon Borough Council

News from The Diocese of Bristol

Upcoming dates for the diary:

11.05.2024: Everyday Faith - Pattern Church, Swindon: Exploring how churches can equip people to live as disciples making connections between our faith and everyday life. Keynote Speaker: Steve Rouse from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

13.07.2024: We're in this together - St Paul's Church, Chippenham: An opportunity to reflect together on how we can create networks of support and communities that will encourage us in the journey of culture change.

14.09.2024: Creating Pathways into Faith - St Michael's Church Centre, Stoke Gifford: Building or identifying communities around our churches and thinking together about how we can create clear pathways that will lead people from encounter, through belonging and into commitment.

April

Sunday 7th 10.30 Mr Adam Longhurst Sunday 14th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Sunday 21st 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero Sunday 28th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

May

Sunday 5th 10.30 Mr Philip Bunce Sunday 12th 10.30 Partnership Service Sunday 19th 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero Sunday 26th 10.30 Mr Mark Dowling

Peace begins with a smile from Jess



What do you get if you milk a forgetful Frisian cow? Milk of Amnesia. Why did the Daisy the cow wear a bell around her neck?

Because her horn didn't work.

Two west country men were on the train heading homewards through Somerset, when one of them noticed some cows.

'What a lovely bunch of cows.' he remarked.

'Not a bunch, herd,' his mate replied.

'Heard of what?'

'Herd of cows.'

'Of course I've heard of cows.'

'No, a cow herd.'

'What do I care what a cow heard. I have no secrets to keep from a cow.'



<u>Toothill Church Website</u> Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership. We work with members at Westlea School, Holy Trinity Shaw, and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze. Our members come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed Church, and Methodist

DG4J (Day-group for Jesus)

Summer Programme Apr 24 to Jul 24 Meeting on Zoom – 10:00am to 12:00pm

Monday, 8th April 24 - Lent 6 - Leader Pete - Venue HTS - Starts 10:30am*

Monday, 22nd April 24 – Eucharist 1 – Leader Edward

Monday, 6th May 23 – Eucharist 2 – Leader Pete

Monday, 20th May 23 – Reconciliation 1 – Leader Angela

Monday, 3rd June 24 – Reconciliation 2 – Leader Edward

Monday, 17th June 24– Anointing the Sick – Leader Angela

Monday, 1st July 24 – Extreme Unction – Leader tbd

Monday, 15th July 24 – tbd – Leader Edward – at Mary Poole's

Ethos – 'All' are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

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Zoom Details:

Click on link below to join meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/92404636497?pwd=bFJLbFM5TFdsalppekdRV2o1QzJEZz09

Meeting ID: 924 0463 6497 Passcode: 181042

Dial-in Number: 0330 088 5830

Notes:

The dates for meetings can also be found on Holy Trinity Shaw's website:

http://htschurch.org.uk/

All meetings are on Zoom starting 10am, unless otherwise specified.

Motto:

The Armour of God - Ephesians 6: 10 to 11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, ...