

**THANK YOU** - to all who gave generously to the Charity of the Month - Toybox, in March. £332 was raised. The charity works alongside street children in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Its core purpose is to help those who are marginalised and abused by those who should be protecting them.

**DID YOU KNOW?** - that we now have a Church Library? There is a bookcase just near the Prayer Corner in the New Church, with a number of books to borrow, and more to be added in future months. Do make use of it - borrowing is easy! Just fill your name, title of the book, and date borrowed in the "Loans Book" on the shelf, and enjoy a good read, especially relaxing in the Spring sunshine! There are also booklets on the stand on the top shelf on a wide variety of topics which you can take either for yourself or to offer help to someone you know who needs advice.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA** - with much gratitude I thank the dedicated team. Sadly, due to ill-health, we have lost valuable helpers and would therefore much appreciate others to join our team on a rota basis. Please contact me for details if you could lend a hand.  
Janice H

**BOOK THE DATE!** - and come to the Annual Church Meeting (APCM) on Monday week, 19 May, 7 pm in church. It's an important time when members of the Church Council and churchwardens are elected to serve for the coming year, the annual financial report is given, we have the chance to ask questions, and we hear from James about his vision for the next twelve months. Do come - do pray!

**TALK@2** - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2 pm at Christ Church - "Paston from generation to generation" - the story of an old Norfolk family from the 15<sup>th</sup> century onwards. All welcome.

**CHURCH OFFICE** - following the death of Ruth Thorp's father-in-law, she will be fitting work around family responsibilities at present and working more from home, so please be patient if parish administration takes a little longer than usual, and remember the family in your prayers.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith,  
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# News Sheet for 11 May 2025

## Easter 4



'a church for all - a place for you'

## Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. Whether you are here in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence as we worship together.



Here are the details of our services today:

**10.00 am** Holy Communion led by James, our Vicar, who will be continuing a series of sermons entitled "The End of the Beginning. 2: Trial".  
Reading: Acts 22:30 - 23:11 (church Bibles p.140 NT)  
Luke 21:10-19 (church Bibles p.82 NT)

Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

**6.30 pm** Café Church led by James, continuing the series on "The Story - seeing the Bible as the story of everything with Jesus at its centre. 8. The present Kingdom (Luke chapter 1)". Afternoon tea served from 6.15 pm onwards. All welcome!

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### CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Christian Aid

"We are a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart." They believe that **everyone is equal in the sight of God**, and are inspired to stand together in solidarity with their most marginalised global neighbours, working in 29 countries, with people of all faiths and none. They seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes and help in practical ways to end it. They stand with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world - both in times of crisis and for the longer term, providing survival essentials. **Christian Aid Week** this year is May 11-17 and we invite you to support their vital work - please take a Christian Aid envelope, make your donation, sign the Gift Aid form (if you pay income tax) if you wish, and put it in the collection bowl or post it in the Wall safe. Thank you very much.

David H

## PRAYER THIS WEEK

'Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us' (Psalm 62 v.8)

**SUNDAY** Pray for those in need of God's healing, especially for Robin G, George I and Jennie W (all receiving cancer treatment), Audrey W (recovering from surgery) and Ivan B (currently having respite care at Ivy Court). Pray for those recently bereaved including the family and friends of Ian D.

**MONDAY** The successor to Pope Francis has yet to be appointed - pray for wisdom for the cardinals in conclave as they debate and vote, and for the one who will be elected. Pray too for those faced with the task of choosing the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Graham Usher is one of those involved as a member of the Crown Nominations Commission and the first meeting is this month.

**TUESDAY** Give thanks that Caroline and Dick Seed, our Mission Partners working from Cape Town, have received news that the final registration of the online postgraduate diploma in higher education has come through in record time, ready for start-up in January 2026. Applications are now awaited, and Dick is writing the first two units to be run next Spring.

**WEDNESDAY** Following the Council elections recently the political landscape in Britain is changing. Pray for all MPs, the Government ministers and leaders of local councils as they implement pledges made so that justice, equality and social care is available for all, especially those in financial need.

**THURSDAY** Today we pray for people living in Peckover Road, Penshurst Mews and Pettus Road, praying especially for new residents as they make friends. Pray that people passing the church entrances will be attracted by the publicity posters on the boards - and give us opportunities to invite friends and neighbours to events.

**FRIDAY** Pray for the ministry of TWAM (Tools With A Mission) as they help to provide practical aids to countries in Africa. Tools are sent to organisations that either support causes or provide training courses to vulnerable people who are living in poverty with absolutely no options and no way to change their lives. Pray that the tools given last weekend will go to those most in need.

**SATURDAY** Give thanks for the beauty of nature this Spring, with the blossom and new growth on trees and shrubs. Praise God the Creator and pray that we will find more ways to care responsibly for the environment.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Eleanor W - coping with long-term health problems, and her husband Ed who cares for her, and

Don R - at home living with long-term health problems, and his wife Jean caring for him

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

### Mon. 12<sup>th</sup>

2.00 pm Mission Focus meeting in the Vestry Children's room at Christ Church - all welcome to come and pray for our Mission Partners.

### Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Toddlers group meets in the Hall  
10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets  
3.30 pm Westfield View Service led by Sheila Nunney  
7.30 pm Group Council meets at the Vicarage, 28 Bluebell Road

### Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

### Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev. Colin Reed (Collection for Mothers' Union Worldwide Mission)  
10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!

### Sat. 17<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Burial ground work party are in operation - could you join them for an hour? Contact Graham Be for more info  
2.00 pm Keswick Hall Old Students' Club Reunion Service, in church

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James

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**TOOLS WITH A MISSION** - we are collecting tools for this charity today. Donations may be left in the Old Church between 1 pm and 4 pm this afternoon. TWAM will refurbish donations when necessary and send them to developing countries. Please look in your garage and sheds to see if you have any tools to donate. We are particularly looking for garden tools and DIY tools. To donate larger items, please contact the TWAM website: [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk). Thank you. St Andrew's ECO Team

**ART CAFÉ** - next session is on Saturday 31 May, 3 - 5 pm in the Hall, when you can learn how to make a Flower Crown! All welcome! For more details pick up a card from the trolley at the back of the church and to sign up, see the website: [www.standrewseaton.org.uk/whats-on/art-cafe](http://www.standrewseaton.org.uk/whats-on/art-cafe).

**WANTED** - plastic supermarket soup containers with lids, for an Art Café session! Please save them and give them to me or leave (labelled) in the Church Office. Thank you. Maureen B