

EASTER CARDS - very many thanks to everyone who helped to deliver the card to homes in the parish - many feet (!) make light work! If you don't live in the area, please take one of the spare cards at the back of church and maybe pass it on to a neighbour or friend with an invitation to come to church this Easter!

SPRING IS ON THE WAY! - So book the date of the Spring Fair in your diary - Saturday 10th May in the Church Hall. There will be the usual stalls for cakes and preserves, crafts, paperback books, gifts, puzzles and plants. Please start thinking of what you could contribute. And helpers are always welcome! For more details contact Jane S.

DID YOU KNOW - that you can now give money to St Andrew's by using the card machine, which is on the trolley as you come into church. Just put in the amount you want to give, tap your card on the machine - and it's done! The advantage? It's a very simple way of giving without cash.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - if you would like to nominate a Christian charity to be considered for Charity of the Month next year, please see Marilyn E in church.

LENT LUNCH - the final one is in the church hall this week! Enjoy soup, bread, cheese, pate, fruit and tea/coffee from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm. And it's free! Donations are invited for the Bishop's Lent Appeal and Tearfund's Middle East Humanitarian Appeal - two very vital charities in the current world situation. See you at lunch!

ONE-PERSON STUDIO FLAT TO RENT - at the Eaton end of Bluebell Road. A small-self-contained flat available for up to one year from May onwards. Single bed-sitting room, kitchen and shower room/WC. Enquiries to John T.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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'a church for all - a place for you'

PALM SUNDAY

Welcome, everyone!

A special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today and to our preacher, Diana Timms, who we are delighted to have with us. As we begin Holy Week, whether you are here in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence with us as we worship together.



Here are the details of our service today:

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James; Diana Timms is preaching
Readings: Isaiah 51:4-9a (church Bibles p.692 OT)
Luke 19:28-40 (church Bibles p.79 NT)

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

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - The Magdalene Group

... a local charity working with women and girls who experience sexual violence, exploitation, grooming, sex work and coercion. These women face additional challenges of isolation, poor physical and mental health, homelessness. The charity provides friendship, specialist support, access to professional services and advice to women who are unable to break free from their traumas.

Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks

John 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 Jane C (now at home). Pray for those recently bereaved including the families of Jack H, Sonya T and Betty B.

MONDAY The tariffs ordered by President Trump caused shock waves in the financial world. Give thanks that a 90-day pause has been granted and pray for wisdom for world leaders as they grapple with this crisis, especially for poorer nations struggling with mounting debts, unemployment, corruption and poverty amongst their populations.

TUESDAY Give thanks for the Easter Workshop last Saturday and pray for our ongoing ministry to young people, especially those leading Sunday Club twice a month and those preparing forthcoming workshops. Pray that God will speak through the team as it shares His word with the children through all the activities.

WEDNESDAY The devastating earthquake on 28 March in Thailand and Myanmar has dropped from the headlines, but the numbers of those killed and injured, the damage to infrastructure of roads, bridges and the desperate needs of survivors continues. Pray especially for those living in Mandalay who have received little or no aid and need the authorities to allow supplies through to the city.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Nutfield Close, Osborne Road and Parsons Mead, praying especially for new residents as they make friends. Pray that the church noticeboards and the Easter cards which have been delivered will be read and be an encouragement to parishioners to come to church this Easter.

Pray for James as he prepares for the Holy Communion Service this evening, the beginning of our worship this Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY Pray for the service this afternoon as James leads us to reflect on the timeless meaning of Jesus' death on the cross through songs, readings and music. Pray that many people will come and share in this reminder of the debt we owe to Jesus our Saviour.

SATURDAY Robin McC is being confirmed at the Easter Vigil Service at Norwich Cathedral at 8 pm this evening - please pray for him and for the other candidates as they declare their faith publicly and seek to serve Christ in their future lives. Pray too for the Easter Day service tomorrow morning - as we praise and worship the risen Lord Jesus.

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

Janet M - coping at home with help and virtually housebound, and
Alison B - coping with health problems

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 14th MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12.30 pm Lent Lunch in the Hall
2.00 pm Mission Focus meets in the Prayer Corner in church - all welcome!
5.30 pm Evening Prayer for Holy Week, Old Church - led by James

Tues. 15th TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

5.30 pm Evening Prayer for Holy Week, Old Church - led by James

Wed. 16th WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

10.30 am Lent Course Session 6, in church
2.00 pm Bay Tree House Easter Service
5.30 pm Evening Prayer for Holy Week, Old Church - led by James
7.30 pm Lent Course Session 6, at the Vicarage

Thurs. 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY

N.B. No 10 am Service this morning
10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!
7.30 pm Holy Communion led by James

Fri. 18th GOOD FRIDAY

2.00 pm "Broken for you" Reflective Service - all welcome

Sat. 19th Burial Ground work party would welcome more help to tidy up the area - Just pop along to the site in Church Lane and join Graham Bensley!

Sun. 20th EASTER DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James
10.00 am All-Age Holy Communion led by James

PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - please complete and return forms a.s.to the Electoral Roll pigeon-hole in the Welcome Area (to the left of the Church Information Desk) so that the new Roll can be prepared. Thank you. Christine B

DONATIONS GROUP - representatives from St Andrew's meet with members from Christ Church twice a year to choose the Charities of the Month. We would really like some more folk to join us! If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to David H or me for more details.
Marilyn E

FREE OFFER - 2-seater settee with two matching soft cushions, terracotta fabric, excellent condition (owner down-sizing). Collect from Eaton. Contact via Margaret Smith (453010) who has photos!

BOOK GROUP - will meet on Thursday 1st May, 7.30 pm to discuss "When God was a Rabbit" by Sarah Winman. More details from Ann C

