



SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2021

A Note From **Your Vicar**

What an Easter!

Thank you so much to all of you for colouring, crocheting and festooning our churchyard with these marvellous creations! Easter services were my first 'in-person' services since arriving here and it was so special to gather together around the cross, the fire pit and the empty tomb together to celebrate the good news of the gospel!

My first service was on Good Friday. Normally a fairly formal and subdued service, but someone had clearly not told the weather for it was utterly beautiful and Vivary Park was teeming with people, including a trumpeting busker. As I waited outside to go and join the congregation in church, the player started up the old favourite 'When the Saints go Marching in'. What a way to begin a new ministry! It's traditionally, a Salvation Army classic and contains the words 'I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in'; containing the hope of being part of God's people raised to life; following Jesus in death after following him in life. What good news to proclaim, to explore and discover.

We're starting all sorts over the next few months to help people find out what it means to be 'in that number', why not take a chance and dig in to find what it will mean for you to be 'in that number when those saints go marching in'.

God bless,

Nick



Isn't it amazing what you can find on the Internet these days? Whilst searching for a gift for someone, I came across this postcard of St George's. Now the date mark states 1909 but I'm not very good with history and dates (sorry Robert!) so I don't know if that would be right. Thought I'd share it with you all as I thought it was rather lovely!! *Bethan x*



You Tube

ONLINE
SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 18th April 2021
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
9.45AM

The Road to Emmaus

A Note From **Your Administrator**

Well did that Easter go quickly or was it just me? It seemed to fly by but I do hope that you all managed to get something hopeful out of this yet again, very different Easter.

It sounds as though there was a terrific turnout for our Easter Sunrise Service at the unearthly hour of 6.45am on Easter Sunday—well done and thank you to all of you who braved it out on a rather chilly morning and especially to Pete McKegney making sure all were kept warm around the campfire.

I hope you have all also managed to take a look at how absolutely glorious our churchyard looked with Norman's artwork and over 200 butterflies. What a transformation. On behalf of all the PCC may we say a HUMONGOUS thank you to Norman, Carole, Rachel, Jenny, Liz and everyone who came to help make this possible. Another thanks must also go to the wonderful Flower ladies who yet again created some beautiful displays making our church look and smell glorious.

Particularly thanks go to Nick for leading these services – his first with a congregation in Church; the musicians (Stephen Page, Ian and Mary Carson) who played at them even though we couldn't sing; and the bell ringers who ensured that people knew that the Church was open once again and Matt keeping the IT going!

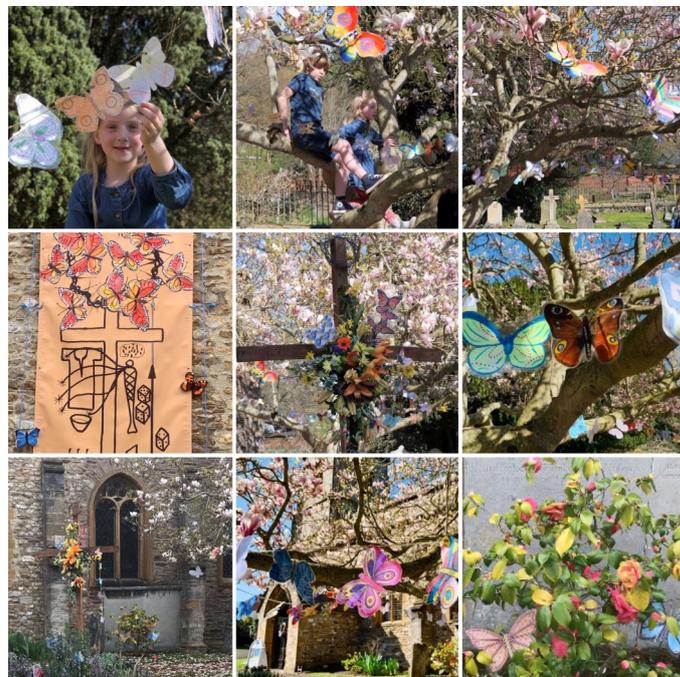
The Mossy Church team also did a tremendous job with the Easter trail and there were many families who came along and really enjoyed the nature trail with a difference—it was so so encouraging. to see them engaging and exploring.

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped make this Easter actually happen in these challenging times and for all of you supporting and joining in with all the activities and services. It may have been different but my goodness it was still special.

Right, onto the preparations for Christmas now then.....

Bethan x

Ps I am going to try to put a selection of our Easter photos onto our website next week!



SUNDAY IN CHURCH SERVICES

So the doors are open once more on a Sunday! We are just open for one service at 10am which has been devised to comply with the Covid restrictions which are still very strict meaning it really isn't back to the "normal times" of worshipping together.

Face coverings must be worn at all times, hand sanitising, socially distanced and no conversing in the church or outside of more than 6. No wine at Communion and still no congregational singing.

However we know that for some of you it is nice to simply be back in the building and to see faces—even if they are behind a mask! And we know for many of you, it still does not feel the right time to be coming back through the doors which again, is perfectly understandable.

So, in the meantime, until such a time when "normal service can resume" we will continue to offer this short, common worship style communion service alongside our online service which may then in time become...yes...live streamed!!! Eeek!

ST GEORGE'S, WILTON

Mossy Church CHANGES



There are lots of changes coming up with rules, regulations & vaccines to name a few. The world seems to be changing pretty fast right now. That can be unsettling can't it?! But we can see that nature is changing fast as well.. Hedges, flowerbeds & trees that were so recently bare, are now laden with blooms, berries and new leaves and some are now withered & gone.

Have you noticed that each plant & flower takes it's turn? First we enjoyed snowdrops, then daffodils, then tulips and now bluebells. Each taking the place of the blooms before. The changes are so varied, but are predictable each year. We plan what plants to sow & grow, we plan our activities on the seasons, our fishing & bathing on the tides. Even our time is based on the moon & the rotation of our planet. We unknowingly have our lives directed by change and stability together, designed by the Creator.

So what can that mean for us? Change can be scary, unsettling and a real challenge. But change can also provide opportunity, stability & peace? Really? Peace? Yes! The Bible tells us that God is the same, yesterday, today & forever. When our human world is going a bit bananas & we don't know which way is up or down, we can trust in God who created & loves us, and doesn't change. God stays.. It's wonderful to know peace from God.

Take a mossy moment & think about what changes you can see in nature right now. What has changed this week for you? Are they good changes or challenging ones?

If you re feeling overwhelmed with changes, try looking up at the ever changing clouds & say a little prayer to whisp along with them.. The God who never changes & loves you will hear you!

SOME OF THE MOSSY MAKES, BAKES, & MOMENTS SO FAR THIS EASTER...





The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is approaching—Sunday 16th May—so if you have been worshipping with us for 6 months or more and are not yet on our electoral roll then please do get in touch for an electoral roll form,. This then allows you to cast a vote in any elections we have within the church and to become a member of our fabulous PCC. So please do email either the office on office@stgchurch.co.uk or laurie.jeffery@sky.com.

As the APCM will be in person, in church, if you are still shielding or not at ease yet to come into the building whilst there are Covid restrictions, if there is anything that you wish to be brought to our attention for the APCM, then do please email us so that we can consider it for inclusion. Please email in or if you need to write in, please do put your name and address so that we can acknowledge your request. Thank you!

LOST or BORROWED – The Lectionary

The Lectionary which contains all the Church of England's 'set readings' for every day, and normally lies on the Lectern in Church is missing. It is a large, heavy red book, and is nowhere to be found in the Church. If anyone has borrowed it, or may know where it is, please do return it or let Peter or Hilary, Church Wardens know its whereabouts.



St George's
Churchyard



**THIS
SATURDAY
9.30am-
12.30pm**

Just in case you're wondering what goes on at the Saturday Churchyard Gardening sessions: on average there are between 6 or 7 adults and 2 or 3 children at these sessions; and I think we'd all agree that we enjoy being there. It's very rewarding to see the fruits of our labours: perhaps freshly raked-up grass cuttings or leaves, a pruned bush, a weeded border, or a wall cleared of ivy. It's a peaceful place to work, but there's also good company between times – it's encouraging to work together over a task, or to chat generally when we break to gather around one of the benches for a tea/coffee break **(still observing Covid spacing and bringing our own drinks & snacks for the time being)** If we're working in the front churchyard, many people walk through on their way to or from town, and they nearly always greet us, return our greeting or stop and talk for a few minutes. At other times people come to visit the grave of family or friends, and it can be very uplifting for them to know that the churchyard is valued and cared for by us; and if we have spoken with them, it can help us to feel familiar with the names on grave stones of people we haven't personally known, or whose relatives we haven't met before.

We have a few churchyard tools, but many helpers like to bring and use their own favourite tools, e.g. rake, secateurs, fork or trowel, not forgetting garden gloves, as there are quite a few brambles! It's also very helpful if anyone can bring along a garden sack or is able occasionally to take a carload to the tip.

So, if any of you would like to help for the whole time or just an hour on Saturday, please do come along – or if you'd like to care for a specific small area of the churchyard in your own spare time, come and have a word!

Jane Joyce

On behalf of the Churchyard Group

ST GEORGE'S WEEKLY DIARY

Make a Note...

SUN 18TH From 9.45am **Online Sunday Service**
10am **CW Holy Communion**
11.30am **Zoom Coffee Catch**

MON 19TH 9pm **Compline Service** on Zoom

THURS 22ND 10-12pm **Open Church—Individual Prayer**

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

Tues 27th April 7.00pm **PCC Meeting**

Wed 28th April 7.30pm **Knit and Natter**

Sun 16th May 11.00am **APCM**

May we bring to your attention the new time for our Coffee Catch Up on a Sunday as we need to make sure that everyone who attends the service in the building can get home in time to join!
New Time: 11.30am



St George's Wilton
LADIES
ZOOM SOCIAL

Knit & Natter

WEDNESDAY 28th April
7.30 - 9PM

FOR ALL ABILITIES & NONE

Grab a cuppa & whatever craft you're working on!

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk to be sent the zoom details

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LENT BOXES

If you have been using a Christian Aid Lent Box this year, either please bring it to Church as usual (if you are attending Services) OR, open your box and count it and send the amount direct to Christian Aid by making the donation on-line, or sending a cheque to: Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers for Christian Aid's continuing work.

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ST GEORGE'S
Charity Information
CHARITY COLLECTION
April

Church Mission Society—in support of Freda Carey

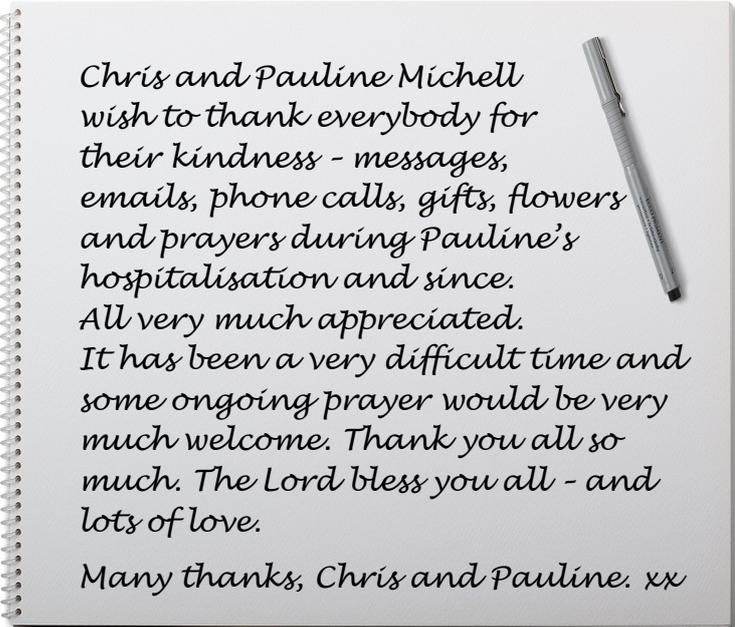
This month we will be supporting our Mission Partner Freda Carey who is out in Lahore, Pakistan with Church Mission Society. Unfortunately we are not allowed to share any of Freda's updates with you as we are not allowed to have information on the internet nor email it out, but should you wish to hear Freda's latest update, we will aim to have a copy of the letter in church at some point.

Similar to over here, Pakistan has just come out of a second wave of Covid and they are trying to get back to some form of normalcy over there. Freda remains committed to her Mission work over there and would as ever be grateful for your support..

You can either donate online at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/ways-to-give/>

Send a cheque to Church Mission Society and be sure to put on the back of the cheque "In support of Freda Carey" and send it to: **Church Mission Society, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ**

Or if you are attending our Sunday Services, you can donate then. Please be aware we will not be handing around a collection plate but there will be a facility to donate to keep covid safe.



Chris and Pauline Michell wish to thank everybody for their kindness - messages, emails, phone calls, gifts, flowers and prayers during Pauline's hospitalisation and since. All very much appreciated. It has been a very difficult time and some ongoing prayer would be very much welcome. Thank you all so much. The Lord bless you all - and lots of love.

Many thanks, Chris and Pauline. xx



Please can anyone who has had a DBS check done within the last 5 years get in contact with Liz Flower, our Safeguarding Officer, to let her know. lizflower1@hotmail.co.uk

Anyone who volunteers and helps us with children, young people and vulnerable adults should all have a DBS so please do get in touch with Liz so we can make sure that all the relevant checks are up to date.

Thank you so much!



Many people have signed an online book of condolence following the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Messages can be submitted to the online book of condolence for Prince Philip on the [Church of England website](#).

On Friday 16th April at 5.15pm there will be a special service of [Choral Evensong from Wells Cathedral](#) to give thanks for the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. For those unable to visit the Cathedral, an [online service](#) will be made available at the same time.

Following news of HRH Prince Philip's death [Bishop Peter and Bishop Ruth](#) both expressed their sorrow and gave thanks for his life and service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

"We thank God for his long life and the service he has given to our country." Bishop Peter shares his deep sorrow at the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

"His was a life lived joyously, with dedication, devotion and commitment". Bishop Ruth pays tribute to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Do visit the Diocese website to hear more.

ST GEORGE'S
Prayer Space

Although our Church is now open for a Sunday Service and private individual prayer, Prayer Space is still on hold until we are allowed to meet indoors together so we shall let you know when we will be able to hold it again safely for all. Our **Prayer Circle** is a confidential way to ask for prayer for yourself or someone on your heart. If you have any prayers that you would like our Prayer

Circle at St George's to be praying for the please do not hesitate to email
rachelmneal@btinternet.com

In Loving Memory

Merciful God,

we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited

once more in your heavenly kingdom.

We especially pray for....

Adrian Mckinnon, John Culverwell,

Joy Buckle, Nigel Libby and

Betty Garbutt

and their families as their

anniversary is in the next few days.

God of all comfort, hear our prayer

Amen

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life
of Prince Philip
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to
duty.

We entrust him now to
your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer
Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Prayers for This Sunday

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Help us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and joy and amazement as real as was theirs when he appeared to them.

Gracious God help us all to play an active part in Your vision for our Church ever focusing on Christ's call to all of us to be witnesses and to make disciples of all mankind. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our Stewardship has been a failure yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can restore all things in glory; and so we pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for our Church communities, that each of us might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for those who do not share our Easter joy especially those living in the shadow of darkness and despair and for those whose illness narrows their view of the world. We especially pray for all those who have requested prayer and in the quietness of our hearts we raise before You those who we know who are also in need. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come. Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers