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> Weekly Newsletter 31st March Easter Sunday

6am Easter Dawn Service Celebrant Fr Martyn Hawkes

Followed by breakfast in the hall

10am Easter Parish Eucharist (Hymns in service book) Followed by Easter egg hunt in the garden

No Sunday School now until 21st April due to Family Easter service and term break

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Tuesday to Thursday on Zoom & in church. No evening prayer on Monday or Friday this week.

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church

Tuesday 2nd April

2pm Memorial service for Ruth Palmer

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group 11am Holy Communion

No Preschool Play Group or After School club this week or next week.

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church 10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church 11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in church 1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

Saturday 13th April

10am - 11.30am Funeral of Beyazi Beya in Church

No Saturday Open Church until 27th April due to Easter cleaning, term break, and the quiet day

Next Sunday 7th April

All-age service with celebrant Liz Howell.

Please note that there will be no 8.30am Holy Communion next Sunday due to Fr Martyn being away

Monday 15th April

8pm The book club will be meeting to discuss Richard Rohr's lent book, "Wondrous Encounters" The next book will be "The Essex Serpent" by Sarah Perry, to be considered on Monday 13th May. Newcomers are welcome!

Wednesday 17th April

7 - 8.30pm Lent group follow-up - a chance to reflect, feedback and plan.

Saturday 20th April

Easter Quiet Day 11am - 4.30pm. A day of reflection in the beauty & peace of our church. Pick up a flyer for more information.

MMU Retreat 18-20th October.

More information on the flyers in church. In a beautiful setting - do consider coming.

Sunday 28th April

Brook Brass concert in church

Please note that there is no Evensong for April as on 28th April Fr Martyn will be installed as Canon at Chelmsford Cathedral at an evensong service at 3.30pm to which all are welcome. Refreshments will follow. For numbers do let Martyn know if you are likely to come.

Foodbank Update

I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of those at St Gabriel's in your donations to the Foodbank and Tin in a Bin. Thank you and Happy Easter! Helen

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening. (sarabertrand47@gmail.com) A big thank you to all who have made this Lenten journey such a special one, with bible reading, Lent groups, Lent lunch, special music both choral & instrumental, prayer, and your presence. And now to all who have prepared for this celebration thank you too! To everyone a very Happy Easter! We look forward to sharing the journey of the resurrection with you all this season.

Holiday Club 2024.

Planning is now underway for holiday club - July 23rd to 26th. This years' theme is Joy! We are looking for volunteer leaders & young leaders but more immediately we are inviting members of the steering and creative groups to start working on the event with us. If you can help, please speak to Anthony or Clare or contact wwa.families@gmail.com/07986180230 for more information.

Confirmation

There is a deanery confirmation service on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to consider being confirmed this year please speak to Fr Martyn. Classes start after the Easter school holidays.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Mr Ali, Eva and Peter Baker, Kevin Brown, Elwin Cockett, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Henry Lau, Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, Bibi Rahman, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For the recently departed Beyazı Beya

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Bertrand, Michel Glautier, Kathy Christie, Joe Watts, Prue Tribe