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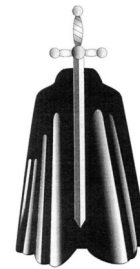
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A space for notes



**St Martin's
Low Marple**

Notices and Prayers for St Martin's and St Paul's

April 2024



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St Paul's coming soon!

Let us give thanks

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

(John 20.19b)

Prayer list

Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayers:

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| Ruby | Peter | Steph |
| Andrew | Jude | Hillary |
| David | Roger | Gordon |
| Gary | Michael | Jean |
| Freddie & Jasmine | Kathleen & Arthur | Tony |
| Madeleine | Clare | Delilah |

Please pray:

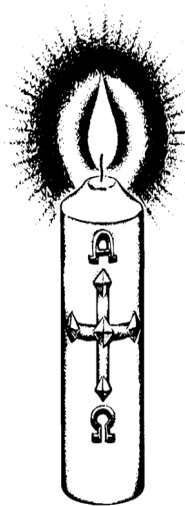
For Rosie, Lucca, and Ben, coming for baptism.

For Jeff and Archibald, recently departed, and for all whose years mind falls at this time.

For Christians across the world, as we celebrate the Resurrection.

For Rev'd Katie Wade, as she is licensed to St Chad's Romiley this month, and for Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, as she prepares to begin her new ministry as Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

For our diocese, as we seek to follow our new Diocesan Vision, as we walk ***Together in Christ, Sharing Hope***



Notices

The new monthly prayer group will next meet, just a little into the next month, on Thursday 2nd May, 1 pm, in the narthex of St Paul's church. Please do come along if you are able, as we pray together for the needs of the church, our communities, and the world.

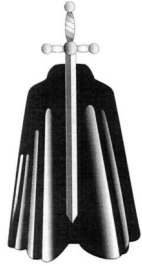
A monthly discussion group will be starting soon, to continue conversations like the ones we have at our Advent and Lent group meetings. If you'd like to find out more or take part, please talk to Rev'd Ashleigh or Fr Timothy.

The Heritage Trust are organising a half day trip to Tideswell, calling at Castleton for tea afterwards, by minibus. Monday 6th May., 1 pm - 5 pm. £12.50 each for the bus. More information from Ann Sayer, on 07821 272 242 or richeldis24@gmail.com.

Our APCM will be after the parish mass on Sunday 28th April, combined with a bring and share lunch. Please save the date!

For anyone interested in reading in church or leading the intercessions, there will be sessions soon to discuss writing intercessions, practise reading with the microphone, etc. Please let Fr Timothy know if you'd like to attend one or both of these, and he'll find times that suit everyone.

April services at



St Martin's Low Marple

Sunday 7th

11:15 am - Parish Mass *with baptism (no junior church this week)*
No evensong today - see tomorrow!

Monday 8th *The Annunciation*

7 pm - Choral Evensong

Sunday 14th

11:15 am - Parish Mass *+ junior church*

Sunday 21st

11:15 am - Family Mass (+ tea, toast & bacon butties from 10:15)

Sunday 28th

8 am - Holy Communion

11:15 am - Parish Mass, *followed by APCM and bring & share meal*)

Sunday Evenings at 5:30 pm—zoom evening prayer

Every Thursday and Friday: Morning Prayer

April services at



Sunday 7th

9:30 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

9:30 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

9:30 am - Family Communion

Monday 22nd

1:30 pm Weekday Communion service

Sunday 28th

9:30 am - Holy Communion

ask Timothy for the zoom link

at 9:30 am, at St Thomas', High Lane. All Welcome!

Dates for your diary

April

(Board game/jigsaw coffee mornings and the knit and natter group are currently having a break for the Easter Holidays)

Sunday 7th - Fairtrade stall at St Martin's after the parish mass

Monday 8th - Choral Evensong for The Annunciation, 7 pm.

Saturday 13th - Monthly walk, 9:30 am at All Saints', talk to Sylvia for more

Saturday 13th - Heritage Trust talk—*Henry Wilson, An Introduction*.

2:30 pm - 4 pm, with tea, in the parish hall. (Henry Wilson designed the Lady Chapell and Christopher Chapel in church) All Welcome!

Wednesday 17th - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

Wednesday 17th - Mothers Union meeting, 2pm, *hall*. All welcome!

Friday 19th - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Saturday 20th - Churchyard clear up, St Martin's, 10 am - 12 noon

Sunday 21st - Bacon & toast before the family mass, 10:15 am, *hall*.

Monday 22nd - Weekday communion service, 1:30 pm, *St Paul's*.

Wednesday 24th - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

Friday 26th - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Sunday 28th - Bring and Share after the APCM (after the 11:15 parish mass)

Easter

This month, for the Church, is one of celebration. The season of Easter goes right from Easter day at the end of March all the way through April, and continues to the middle of May.

It's a time of rejoicing, and often one that's much needed – because in the week before Easter we are invited to enter into the story and emotions of that week, Holy Week, and all the events that led up to Jesus' death. Through Jesus God has stood with us, as one of us, sharing in our pain and our difficulties. We share in a little of the disciples' shock, despair and anguish. We also know, however, that is not the end of the story. Mary Magdalene met Jesus again, on that very first Easter Sunday, and he appeared to his disciples in the following days and weeks. Through one message despair was transformed into hope, which spread from one woman to fill the whole world.

The mystery of Easter shows us many things. One key thing is that when all seems messy and worrying and desperate, through God hope can be found. That's a much needed message at the moment, it feels, as wars and political unrest continue in, seemingly, more and more countries with every passing month. Hope comes through Easter - not through it meaning that awful things no longer happen - but through the love of God being found in the response to broken relationships. Love that walked to the cross. Love that walks with us today.

We are urged to respond to our broken world through caring for creation (described by God as 'very good'). We are called to respond to broken relationships with each other by standing up to racism, discrimination and hatred in all its forms. We are invited into a renewed relationship with God - every day, but especially as we celebrate Easter.

These weeks of Easter focus on the story of the followers of Jesus immediately after his death – we have readings from the book called 'The Acts of the Apostles' (or, just 'Acts') every week. Following Christ didn't end with those first apostles, and so as we celebrate their acts, we will celebrate too with our acts, as we live joyfully in the light of our risen Lord.