

Notices (continued):

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) will be next Sunday April 22nd at 12noon, followed by a bring and share lunch. In preparation for this the Electoral Roll will be displayed at the back of church from Sunday 11th March to Sunday 8th April 2018 for revision. Please would you check that your details are correct. Please would **sidespersons** sign the list at the back to indicate they are willing to continue in their duties.

Our APCM will be followed by a **Bring and Share lunch**. Everyone is welcome to join us - please do bring something to share for our meal. Thank you.

Church Missionary Society (CMS): David and Amy Roche, whose work in the Lebanon we have been supporting, are returning to the UK and leaving CMS. They will be coming to visit us and preach on Sunday 22nd April. Instead we will now be supporting **Anne Plested**. Anne is in training for mission with CMS and will soon be moving to Bethlehem Bible College to teach English and to minister to those on the margins of society. There are information sheets about Anne at the back of Church for you to take to pray for her. **Anne will come and visit us on Sunday 27th May.**

Christian Aid Week: will be 13th - 19th May and focuses on rebuilding people's homes in **Haiti** following the hurricane of 2016. We will be showing a short film of Christian Aid's work in Haiti on May 6th at our service. The enclosed flyer is to help you and encourage you to be creative in your personal fundraising for Christian Aid this year. Thank you in advance.

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Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 15th April 2018 The Third Sunday of Easter

Today's Hymns:

- 204 He is Lord
- 272 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
- 117 Gather around, for the table is spread (x2)
- 279 Jesus, stand among us
- 532 We have a gospel to proclaim

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion

10am Worship @10 Eucharist

Tuesday 17th April:

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at All Saints

Wednesday 18th April:

10am Midweek Eucharist

followed by coffee and light lunch in Hall
Visiting bell ringers in Church

Friday 20th April:

9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 21st April:

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 22nd April –

The Fourth Sunday of Easter:

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (BSL signed)

We welcome David and Amy Roche to talk to us about their time in the Lebanon with CMS, followed by APCM in the Hall and Bring and Share lunch

For prayer:

- David and Amy Roche as they leave CMS and settle back in the UK, and Anne Plested as she trains with CMS
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran

Forthcoming Baptisms:

- 12th May - Edward Isaac
(parents Ian and Jenny)
- 20th May – Kyra Lily
(parents Anthony and Shelley)
- 27th May - Lillie Mai Sharon
(parents Thomas and Shannon)
- 3rd June - Harlei Rikki (mother Clare)
- 1st July - Catherine Lily Johanna

Today's Collect:

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life

and serve you continually in righteousness and
truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Today's Reading:

Luke 24: 36b-48

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses,

the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 4: 5-12

John 10: 11-18

Notices:

Thank you to all those who helped make last Sunday an enjoyable occasion as we supported the marathon runners.

Today: there will be a brief **PCC meeting** in the Side Chapel straight after the service - please may we ask you to go to the Chapel before you get your cup of coffee!!!! Thank you.

Building on the success of our Wednesday Lent Lunches in the Hall, One2One, a group for adults with learning disabilities who use the Hall, will be providing our **Wednesday Coffee Morning** (tea or coffee with cake or biscuits for £1.50) and **Light Lunch** (homemade soup with bread with tea or coffee at £3.00) starting this Wednesday. Please do support this if you can. All welcome.

Plant and Ploughman's:

Saturday 12th May 2018

It is time to start planting seeds and planning for our plant sale and ploughman's lunch in May which has been brought forward this year. Any spare cuttings, annuals, perennial plants, trees, indoor plants, plant pots, garden tools, bags of spare compost, plant food etc. will be very welcome. A good time to clear out the garden shed and greenhouse!