

The Bulletin



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NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF
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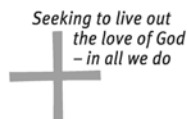
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If you would like further information on any of the events advertised in this month's bulletin, you'll find the contact details for all the local groups and organisations in The Rock. They all welcome new enquiries.

If you haven't had a copy of The Rock delivered, you may pick one up in church – it's still free!

Copydate for May

We'd like to include items of interest for all members of our congregations and village. Please send information to the Parish Office by 20 April and we'll do our best to fit it in. Pieces may be edited.



Jesus' Promise

As I write this at the beginning of Holy Week it feels difficult, almost wrong, to be contemplating the joy and wonder of Easter which still lies ahead of me. Having spent the past 5 weeks (as many millions of Christians around the world have) journeying through Lent and through a time of self-governed penance and reflection, it now feels somewhat indulgent to just jump ahead to the immense joy we will, as a parish, celebrate and experience on Easter Day, after all there's still Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to be experienced.

However, I am very much aware that as you read this Easter Day will already be here, and we'll already have been celebrating and rejoicing in the precious wonder of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Jesus our Messiah will already have been betrayed, arrested and placed in prison on Maundy Thursday Evening. Questioned, flogged and nailed to a cross on Good Friday morning. Left to die a criminal's death, his body removed from the cross and left lifeless in a stone tomb, on Good Friday afternoon. And yet, it is exactly because Jesus endured all this for you and me, that we can all now know and experience for ourselves the great and amazing joy that is Easter.

Jesus endured such shame, pain and anguish on our behalves, so that we can all know the joy of living a life made truly richer through the knowledge of his eternal promise to us; through Jesus' promise to each one of us that all who believe in him shall never die but have eternal life.

So, as we rightly contemplate Easter Day, I pray that we can all allow ourselves a little indulgence as we contemplate this promise, which, through faith, wonderfully lies ahead for each of us. Then, rather than just being indulgent with the chocolate eggs we eat – we may also have the knowledge that Jesus died for us; Jesus was buried; and that Jesus HAS risen again for us, and that through him we may all know the precious and wondrous gift of faith, and Jesus' gift of the promise of life eternal – life in all its fullness and glory!

I wish you all a truly joyous and blessed Easter and a life filled with the knowledge of God's immense love for you.

Yours in Christ, Michelle

Rev Michelle Goodrich, Curate

Looking out beyond Prestbury

The WORLD AND HOME OUTREACH HUB at church is here to facilitate our engagement with those in need locally, nationally and internationally, by giving money or time, and by reflection and prayer. So far this year we have held an evening service to reflect on and pray about homelessness, and we also organised a massive collection of items needed by the Booth Centre in Manchester which works with homeless people: hats, socks and gloves have been much in need this winter! Then in March we organised the first of our periodic bucket collections, this time for Space4Autism, a Macclesfield-based charity which supports over 700 local families with clubs, advice and other activities.

There is lots coming up as well. In May we will be organising the house-to-house collections in Prestbury for Christian Aid Week, which runs from 13-19 May. The focus of Christian Aid Week this year is raising money to help people prepare ahead of future calamities, for example, helping to build sturdy hurricane-proof houses in Haiti. Last year we raised an amazing £1500 in house-to-house collecting in Prestbury – we really want to exceed that this year, so please volunteer if you can.

As well as house-to-house collections, there is the Christian Aid Week sponsored walk on Saturday 12 May, setting off from St Martin's Church, High Poynton between 10.00 and 11.00am. There is a choice of routes from a short buggy-friendly route to a beautiful long hike around Lyme Park, and all stay away from roads. It makes a great family day out, and you are raising money for a good cause as well! We are aiming to set up a JustGiving page for the Prestbury contingent this year to make fundraising even easier. If we can seek and encourage one another in God's power to live by these values, then we will make a positive difference to those around us and even beyond.

To remind us all what we are raising funds for, and how important it is to pray and reflect about the causes of poverty, conflict and disease, we are holding a special evening service at 6.00pm on Sunday 13 May at the start of Christian Aid Week.

All of this activity needs people to volunteer their time, and we would love to hear from you if you can help in any way. Please email outreach@stpetersprestbury.org.uk or speak to one of us at church, and look out for lists in the Rooms to sign up to help with house-to-house or the sponsored walk.

Kate Collins, Richard Curry, Michelle Goodrich and Helen Howe

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Sunday 1 April

Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 & Mark 16: 1-8

6.00am Service of Light

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier

9.30am Easter Family Service

St Peter's

Celebrant & Preacher Patrick Angier

11.00am Easter Cathedral Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Patrick Angier

11.00am Hospital Service

St Luke's Chapel, Macclesfield Hospital

Officiant & Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

10.00am Easter Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant & Preacher Stephen Callis

11.00am Easter Communion

St John's, Adlington

Celebrant & Preacher Michelle Goodrich

6.00pm Easter Songs of Praise

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Sunday 8 April

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-35

John 20: 19-31

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am Family Service

St Peter's

Officiant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Pamela Hardman

Preacher Pamela Hardman

11.00am Family Service

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm Drop In

The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised, he is not here "

Mark 16: 6

Acts 4: 32

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Sunday 15 April

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19

Luke 24: 36b-48

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am Holy Communion followed by APCM

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

11.00am Holy Communion

St John's, Adlington

Celebrant Sue Hawkins

Preacher Sue Hawkins

4.00pm Footie and Faith The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leaders Andrea Fitton & 360 Sportz

6.00pm Choral Evensong

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24: 36

Sunday 22 April

St George's Day

Psalm 23

John 10: 11-18

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am St George's Day Parade and Service

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Morning Worship

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Keith Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

11.00am Morning Prayer

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm Glitter and God The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."
John 10: 14-15

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Sunday 29 April

APCM Sunday

Acts 8: 26-40

John 15: 1-8

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

10.00am Holy Communion followed by APCM

St Peter's

Celebrants Patrick, Avril, Michelle

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am No Service

Church of the Resurrection

All are invited to the APCM at St Peter's

11.00am No Service

St John's, Adlington

All are invited to the APCM at St Peter's

6.00pm Evensong

St Peter's

Officiant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit, because apart from me
you can do nothing." John 15: 5*

Sunday 6 May

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

John 15: 9-17

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant & Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion (Married Couples invitation)

St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Stephen Callis

Preacher Stephen Callis

11.00am Hospital Service

St Luke's Chapel, Macclesfield Hospital

Officiant Keith Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

11.00am Matins

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm CoRe@4 Family Service

Church of the Resurrection

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Evensong

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

7.45pm New Sanctuary

St Peter's Rooms

Officiant Patrick Angier

*"This is my commandment, that you
love one another as I have loved
you. No one has greater love than
this, to lay down one's life for one's
friends." John 15: 12-13*

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Midweek worship

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Wednesday

9.15am Morning Prayer
Church of the Resurrection
10.15am Holy Communion
Norman Chapel

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Methodist Church

Sunday 1 April

10.30am Rev H Byrne (HC)
6.45pm Mrs A Fielding

Sunday 8 April

10.30am Rev G Edwards
6.45pm Rev S Bishop

Sunday 15 April

10.30am Mr J Bird
6.45pm Rev H Byrne

Sunday 22 April

10.30am Mrs B Ogle
6.45pm Service at Gawsworth

Sunday 29 April

10.30am Rev H Byrne
6.45pm Rev H Byrne

Sunday 6 May

10.30am Mr J Bird
6.45pm Mrs P Ward



What's on

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

ST PETER'S ROOMS

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place in St Peter's Rooms following immediately after the 10.00am service of Holy Communion in church. The APCM will include the election of the churchwardens and the new PCC members and the presentation of the annual accounts.

It's also an opportunity to thank the many people whose time is given to support and grow this church. This year we are especially thanking David Hawkins (who is on the cover of this bulletin) for his faithful service as Lay Chair of the PCC, as he is retiring after ten years. We shall miss his calm wisdom, his great good humour and his seemingly endless capacity to get things done! We have been blessed to have him with us for so long.

The meeting will not be a long one and there will be ample provision for small people to enjoy themselves while the grown-ups get the business done. Afterwards we will gather together for a bring-and-share lunch. The annual reports from some of the church-affiliated groups will be on display before and after the meeting.

Please do come and join us as we review the year and consider the year ahead – all who worship with us are very warmly welcome.

APCM: BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

There will be a bring and share lunch at the APCM on Sunday 29 April; this is often a feast of all sorts of different goodies. If you'd like to help it to be so this year, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church - anything you would like to bring along will be warmly appreciated.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The church electoral roll, which is the voluntary list of church members, does not need to be reformed this year, but it will be revised. There is a copy with the Churchwardens. Please consult it and notify them of any errors or amendments. If you are not on the roll at present and are a regular worshipper at St Peter's, please fill in the simple application form available from the churchwardens. Being on the electoral roll does not involve any formal commitment, although it is necessary if you wish to hold any office in the church such as sidesperson/welcomer or PCC member. It is also an indication of your support for the church.

AFTERNOON TEA

MONDAY 16 APRIL: 2.30PM

St Peter's Rooms



Our Monthly Afternoon Teas have a variety of speakers and activities. Keep an eye out for more details on our notice boards and on fliers in St Peter's Rooms, but whatever the topic everyone is always very welcome. Why not bring a friend!

MOTHERS' UNION

MONDAY 9 APRIL: 2.00PM

St Peter's Rooms

Our Curate, Rev Michelle Goodrich, will share the journal she has kept throughout her Christian journey and tell us more about herself and her road to ordination.

New members are always very welcome to this lively group.

IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW STRUGGLING WITH DEMENTIA?

**P&J SOCIAL: A SOCIAL GROUP FOR
THOSE WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF
MEMORY LOSS AND THEIR PARTNER
OR CARER.**

Wednesdays: 11 & 25 April
2.00pm in St Peter's Rooms

P&J offers a chance for carers to have a cup of tea and a chat while their loved ones are cared for and entertained. Everyone leaves with smiles on their faces! If you would like to know more or to come for a taster session ring Anne on 07999 862035.

THE BIG CHURCH DAY OUT!

FRIDAY 1 – SATURDAY 2 JUNE 2018

Capesthorpe Hall



A fabulous festival-style day or weekend of music and fun – which is best explained by browsing their website www.bigchurchdayout.com

There will be world-class music, mouth-watering food, relaxing cafes and family activities spread out across the grounds. We have access to special discounted prices for this event via the Diocese of Chester – speak to Patrick for more details.

HOUSE GROUPS

If you would like to join others exploring faith in more depth, or just to find out what the groups are about, contact Avril Ravenscroft on 820041.

Legh Road Group: Tuesdays 10 and 24 April

Northmead Group: Friday 27 April
1.30-3.00pm

PLANT SALE FOR CRE8 SATURDAY 28 APRIL

The Cre8 Community Building,
Mayfield Terrace, Macclesfield

Cre8, a local church-supported charity which helps families in need in Macclesfield, is holding a plant sale on Saturday 28 April. Please see posters in the porch and Rooms for further details. They also would appreciate volunteer help on the day, and donations of plants: if you are able to help please email katy.wardle@cre8macclesfield.org. Many thanks!

FLOWER ROTA



- 1 April: Easter
8 April: Julia Turner
15 April: Elaine Goulsbra
22 April: Judy Biggin
29 April: Wedding
6 May: Karen Vipond

PRAM SERVICE

THURSDAY 26 APRIL: 10.15AM

A perfect introduction to worship for babies and pre-school children, and a way for mums to get to know each other. We meet in church at 10.15am twice a month (term time only) for songs, a story, a prayer – and coffee and biscuits in St Peter's Rooms afterwards. Talk to Bev for more information or call the Parish Office on 827625.



HALLE OPUS ONE CONCERTS

Advance notice: Seats will be available on the Prestbury coach to the Bridgewater Hall for the Thursday evening Opus One concerts 2018-2019. The coach leaves at 5.45pm prompt and returns about 10.15pm.

There are nine concerts, September to May, and well-discounted season tickets are available in all areas of the hall. Seats on the coach are limited. Please ring Doreen Bithell on 829175 as soon as possible to book or for more information.

THE BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

The Bulletin is available to receive each month by email. If you would like to use this facility please send an email to

news@stpetersprestbury.org.uk

You can opt out at any time and we won't share your details with anyone!

WANTED: JUMBLE

Macclesfield and District Lions Club will be holding a jumble sale at Bollington Scout Hut, Albert Road, SK10 5HS on Saturday 28 April at 2.00pm. If you have any jumble to donate (including jigsaws and bric-a-brac) please drop it in on the day or telephone Arthur Clenton on 829438 if you wish to have it collected.

SINGING DAY

SATURDAY 14 APRIL: 9.30AM – 4.30PM

Bollington Arts Centre, Wellington Road SK10 5JR

Choral singers of all ages and levels are invited to join Bollington Festival Choir to explore the Requiem by Maurice Durufle. The cost is £15 for the day. For further information and booking forms please contact the choir on 261933. Or see the website www.bollfestchoir.org.uk

PRESTBURY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

SATURDAY 14 APRIL: 7.30PM

St Bartholomew's Church,
Wilmslow SK9 4AA



Music featured in the concert will include Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna, Rheinberger – Stabat Mater, Kodaly – Missa Brevis and Monteverdi – Beatus Vir. For further details please see the website www.prestburychoral.uk

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS

SUNDAYS: 20 MAY – 30 SEPTEMBER

St Peter's Rooms

Bookings are now open for Sunday Teas in 2018 and several requests have already been made. If your organisation wishes to fundraise, or if you are fundraising for a charity, please contact Nick Harrison on 423926 or email nicolasaharrison@gmail.com



RECYCLE USED STAMPS AND INK-JET CARTRIDGES

Don't forget we are still collecting used stamps and ink-jet cartridges which we can sell to raise funds.

Look out for the collection boxes in St Peter's Rooms or you can bring them into the Parish Office (open mornings only). **Please note we cannot recycle Epson, Kodak or any non-original brand cartridges**

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL: 8.00PM

The Vicarage

There couldn't be a gentler way to get to know the Bible better than by joining a small group of folk who are engaging with St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians at a very leisurely pace. No commentaries allowed, no prior knowledge required – just curiosity and a desire to listen to what God may be revealing to us. All are warmly welcome.

ORCHESTRAL AND CHORAL CONCERT

SATURDAY 14 APRIL: 7.30PM

Macclesfield Methodist Church

Macclesfield Methodist Church Community Choir's concert will feature the splendid Anglican Church anthem "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem", a clarinet concerto by Carl Maria Weber in which the soloist is Christopher Walters, a former member of the European Youth Orchestra; and Mozart's Solemn Vespers K339 which are glorious settings of five psalms from the Old Testament concluding with the Magnificat. Tickets are £10.00: call 433187 or 615298.

WELCOME CARDS

If you're new to St Peter's do please fill in one of these cards, give it to a warden or minister, or pop it into the red post-box at the back of church. We'll be in touch!

