

Winshill Parish Magazine

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St Mark's Church

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Holy Week and Easter Services

28th March - 4th April



Palm Sunday

10.45 Parish Eucharist
Palm Crosses & Passion Story



Monday to Wednesday

19.30 Walking the Way of the Cross
Monday: finding *GOOD NEWS*
Tuesday: entering *DEVOTION*
Wednesday: greater *IMAGINING*



Maundy Thursday

19.30 Holy Communion
Remembering the Last Supper



Good Friday

13.00 An Hour at the Cross
Music : Silence : Meditation



Easter Sunday

10.45 Parish Eucharist
Lighting the Easter Candle

March Services

Services subject to change depending on Government restrictions.

Sunday	Readings	Time	Service & Church
4th April Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43 or 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Mark 16.1-8	9.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
11th April Easter 1	Acts 4.32-35 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 John 20.19-31	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
18th April Easter 2	Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-4	09.15	<i>Holy Communion St Wystan's</i>
		10.45	<i>Parish Eucharist St Mark's</i>
25th April Easter 3	Acts 4.5-12 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's

Service for Holy Week will be distributed via email and on the website. We will be guided by the Government Roadmap once it is clear what we can and cannot do.

Private Prayer (When the Govt. stop public Worship)

If we are only able to open for Private Prayer, both churches will be open on **Sundays from 10.00 till 12.00.**

A note from the Vicar

Light at the end of the Tunnel

'There's light at the end of the tunnel,' is a regular phrase in conversation at the moment. As we slowly move out of restrictions it really does have that feel, both in terms of wellbeing, and also physically as the days get longer and summer approaches. And that is good news.



As Church, we proclaim other Good News. For us, in a way, there is also the 'light at the end of a tunnel' as we come towards Easter Sunday, at the end of the Lenten Season; a season where we have given things up that have challenged us, or done something extra that has equally stretched our resolve. That journeys end of metaphorically travelling in the gloom of a Lenten tunnel to come out into the Easter daylight beyond. The light we see as Easter people is not daylight but the Light of Christ, Risen and Glorified. We hold this light to us and within us through every day of the year, but it always seems to shine more brightly on Easter morning as we rejoice.

Last year, I recorded the lighting of the Easter Candle in my home, and there it stayed, lit Sunday by Sunday until we could meet again in church (I have soot marks on my ceiling to remind me). This year we will light and process the Easter Candle into Church to the joyful acclamation, 'Christ is Risen... He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.'

On that Sunday we will hear again the narrative of those first witnesses. This year we read Mark's Gospel, where the women go at daybreak armed with spices and all that is required for the dead. On the way they chatter about the practical matters of removing a large stone, only to find it already moved. These select witnesses, these women, enter the grave space and are met not by a dead body but by an angel who points to the spot and proclaims, 'Jesus who had died on a cross, has risen!'

Mark's Gospel has two distinct strands running through it. First it is a Gospel that has an urgency to it, it is immediate, fast moving, no birth narratives or growing up tales, this is all about the ministry of Jesus, right from Chapter one verse one. Another thread is that Jesus throughout charges people not to reveal who he is, 'He strictly ordered that no one should know this,' was the command to the parents of the raised child' (Mark 5.43) and there are many others.

But here, in the final few verses of Mark's energetic Gospel there is a change of tone. The angel commands them to 'go and tell.' Tell the 'Disciples and Peter' what you have seen. Now is not the time to keep this to yourselves, shout aloud 'the Good News...' But we are told that they left terrified and told no one!

That seems such a strange way to end a 16 Chapter narrative that has as its opening statement, 'Beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ the Son of God.' But perhaps the strange ending is the point, they must have lost their fear and told someone, else we wouldn't know, there would have been no urgent beginning.

As we start to step out of the restrictions, there will be those who will be like those women leaving the tomb terrified. Many will be unsure, uneasy, scared in hidden ways from what has taken place in the world over the last 12 months+. With help and encouragement, they need to tell their story.

For us as Church... we are an Easter people that know the Good News of Jesus Christ the Son of God. The Question: what are we going to do? Do we follow the actions of the women leaving the tomb, and 'say nothing,' or do we respond to the command of the angel, '...go and tell the others..'



Step into Christ's Light, proclaim the Good News, and know that Christ is with you.
HAPPY EASTER.

Philip

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New Printer

Thanks to the generosity of a number of people we have been able to pay for our New Printer. This means the capital cost of the machine is paid and we only have to pay for the running costs.

On behalf of the PCC can I thank all those who gave financially for your generosity.

Thank You.



St Mark's News and Events

Music at St Marks



For many years we have been extremely fortunate for the dedication and service of our Organist Tony Hopkins. Due to health issues Tony has been unable to play for a while and the pandemic has not helped this improve. We would like to thank Tony for his dedication, and look forward to when he is well enough to be a part of the music of St Marks again.



In the last month we have had the opportunity to appoint a New Director of Music for St Mark's. Simon is 43 years old and is the music teacher at Abbot Beyne School. Simon's Christian journey began at St Mary's church Greasley in the diocese of Southwell. It was in this church where he was baptized (1977) and confirmed (1991). Having joined the church choir as a boy soprano, later bass and crucifer in the choir, Simon became the organ scholar and received his first tuition on the organ.

In 1996, he went to study at the University of Huddersfield graduating with an Honours degree in Music in 1999. The following year, he graduated again with a Post Graduate Certificate in Education and has been a teacher for the last 20 years. Simon holds a number of music performance diplomas, two of which are awarded specifically for services to music and liturgy.

As a church musician, Simon has worked in a number of settings including the leading of worship in Catholic, Anglican and United reformed churches, and has embraced the experience of each environment. He believes that this diverse experience has served to strengthen and inform the attachment he has to his Anglican roots which form a strong part of his identity.



Simon is delighted to be joining St Mark's Winshill in this and is greatly excited to be part of the church community.

We extend our thanks and welcome to Simon, and look forward to the time when the Choir can reform and we can all sing again.

St Mark's Churchyard Gardening

Saturday 17th April 2021
9.30am to 12.30pm

With the days getting warmer and longer, and with restrictions lifting The Church Yard Group can come together again.

If you would like to join us you will be very welcome:
Come for all or some of the time.

We want to dig some areas to experiment with bee and pollinator friendly plants.

We also want to start clearing the brambles at the top of the car park area to open it up, introduce more diverse planting, and see how else we can use the space for both the church and the community.



All this alongside the usual maintenance of the work we have been doing over the last 2 years.

If we are able to serve tea and coffee we will, along with some cake.

Bring a fork or spade, and some loppers, and you will be very welcome.

YMCA

To help our local YMCA food bank you can donate in church.

Please donate dry or tinned goods.

They need items that can be made into meals.

A treat is always welcome.



Baptism Team Update

During the past year Baptisms have been put on hold or taken place with very strict restrictions. Events such as the Good Friday project and the teddy bears picnic have sadly not been possible.



However, the Baptism Team have still been busy. We have continued sending Anniversary cards to all those who have been baptised since 2018 and we have been delivering letters, cards and church updates to over thirty families at Christmas, Candlemas, Mothering Sunday, etc. Of course there was one very special Baptism at St Mark's during this period; Felicity Duke was baptised and the whole team were privileged to be part of that service. We look forward to being able to be part of the Baptism Journey for more families as soon as we are allowed.

Claire Smith



While Messy Church is unable to meet in person currently, a video and activities for the family to explore are posted every month on the 'Winshill Church Together Messy Church' Facebook page.

Elsie's Corner

The fruit of silence is prayer

The fruit of prayer is faith

The fruit of faith is love

The fruit of love is service

The fruit of service is peace

St Mother Teresa

Robert Baker's Hymn of the Month



Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

'The Paschal Victory to hymn, in strains of holy joy.'

No 563 in our green hymn books.

This Easter hymn was originally the work of St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028) and for the Sundays after Easter became one of the office hymns in Sarum, York and Hereford Cathedrals.

In the 1840's Robert Campbell (1814-68) translated Fulbert's hymn.

Verse 2 gives the description of Christ as the lion of 'the tribe of Judah' from Revelation 5 verse 5 and also God's promise to the serpent in Genesis 3 verse 5 that he would bruise its head because of its temptation of Eve.

The tune normally used for this hymn is 'St Fulbert' by H J Gauntlett (1805-76) who also wrote tunes for 'Breathe on me Breath of God' and 'O Praise ye the Lord, Praise Him in the Height'.

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God's Touch

How we love to see a bit of green! The heart will thrill – at the sight of trees in leaf – or plants upon a sill ...I wonder why God chose this colour for His perfect plan – to clothe the earth with living beauty ...'neath the foot of Man – He put the green and tender grass each soft and tiny blade – points upward to its Maker.

... And within the forest glade – the ancient trees hang out their bannered boughs of vivid green – and lift their branches heavenward untroubled and serene.

The stems of flowers are painted in this fresh and vivid hue; it is the colour of the wonder we delight to see the bright new leaves unfurled – A bit of green! It is God's touch upon a weary world.

Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2021



With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. For communities fighting the climate crisis, every last drop matters and every last one of us can help them thrive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water.

The devastating climate crisis robs people of the water and food they need to live.

Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.

Rose and her grandchildren shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

Give generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.

Act as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.

Pray for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

Join us at caweek.org



Together we stop this climate crisis.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 5 March

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries.

However this year because of Covid-19 some plans have had to be changed. Your local WDP committee has chosen to postpone our ecumenical event in Winhill. We hope to have a service in St Mark's Church on the first Friday in June, three months later than the original date. So please book this date:-

Friday 4th June at 2.00pm
St Mark's Church

The theme for this year is **BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION** and has been prepared by Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean). The black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with coloured fishes, lovely birds, fruits and nuts in the forest, all make the islands a pristine environment but they are vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes. Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world.

Even though we may not meet on the Day of Prayer in March please pray for the communities of Vanuatu on that day and for Christian communities across the world as they pray for one another.

Lynn Tebbs

A Guide to Public Worship at St Mark's Winhill COVID 19 provisions

At the time of writing, church services are still going ahead once a week at St Mark's. Some may feel that it is too soon to return, that is absolutely fine, and we will look forward to welcoming you when you are ready.

We continue to produce and distribute the readings and reflections for those who are not yet ready to return.



We have put in place a number of provisions that aim to make St Mark's as safe as we can so that those who come feel comfortable.

We have followed the advice that the Government and Church of England have sent out, and will only adjust our current practices when it is deemed safe to do so.

We are still following the 2 metre social distancing guidance as far as we are able, particularly with seating in the Pews.

Track and Trace

Please write your name and phone number on a card and bring with you to place in a basket on entry to the church. This is our part of the 'Track and Trace' policy set out by the Government. These cards will be kept for 21 days before disposal. This will need to happen each week. If you are uncomfortable with St Mark's holding your information, please let the Wardens know.

We also have an NHS Track and Trace QR code displayed, so please scan this if you have the corresponding app.

Face Masks / Coverings

The Church of England strongly advises the wearing of face coverings at worship. Please bring your own face covering, the church will have a limited supply if required.

Doors Open

The West and South Door will remain open during the service to increase ventilation.

When you arrive

Please enter the Church via the West Door Only. (Main Door) It is possible that you will arrive at the same time as others, please maintain social distancing both outside and inside the church. The church has a one-way system that brings you in the West Door and past the kitchen area. Please use the hand sanitiser that is stationed here.

Once in

In the main space where the pews have been removed you will find:

- The Votive Candle Stand (if you wish to light a candle)
- The Offertory Plate (The plate will not come round)
- A basket to put a card with your name on (see below)
- Service Book. (Current advice is that any service book used needs to be quarantined for 48 hours. We are only planning to use the books on a weekly basis.)

The Pews are marked with Welcome signs to show where you may sit. These are for individuals and pairs. (There will be some chairs also for larger groups/bubbles if required)

Distribution of the Sacrament

At the giving of Communion, the president receives Communion in both kinds. The words of distribution ('The body and blood of Christ') are spoken to the congregation, and all who intend to receive say, 'Amen'. At the distribution, Holy Communion is administered in silence. The consecrated wafer will need to be dropped into the hands of communicants



The Priest will stand to one side of the Altar. That side of the church is asked to come forward following distancing guidelines.

- Please come down the main Aisle
- Return via the side Aisle.
- If seated in a side Aisle, go to the back and use the Main Aisle to come forward.
- There will be a Hand Sanitiser at the front of the main Aisle. Please use before approaching the Priest.
- Please hold out your hands to receive the bread so the Priest can drop it into your hand.
- Move to the side slightly to consume before returning to your pew.

After the Service

Please leave your service book in the pew. At the end of the service we leave by the South door via the Lions Den. There is hand sanitiser by this door for people to use on leaving.

We congregate for worship but not to mingle, please consider this when seeing friends and when leaving the church building.

Community News and Events

22nd Burton-on-Trent (St Mark's) Scout Group



In scouting we use certain signs for tracking, one being the "gone home" sign. This is a circle of stones with just one stone in the middle. We also use this sign for someone in the scouting movement that has died. It is with great sadness that we have to use this sign for one of our own scouters. Jim Wrigley died in

February. He was the Group Scout Leader when I first arrived at 22nd Burton-on-Trent (St Mark') Scout Group back in the early 1990's, so he was part of the Group for far longer than anyone else. At that time, he was also keeping the scout section going with the help of Ian Reid. He has always had the wellbeing of the scout group at heart and even when he retired from being the GSL he became a Section Assistant so he could remain in the group helping young people meet their full potential.

There are many memories but one that I would like to share happened before the days of Health and Safety or Risk Assessments. Jim would pile all the Scouts, and me, into the back of an old van with bench seats, while he was in the front driving. We got thrown all over the place, and there was always laughter when someone fell off the seats ending up in a pile on the floor. We went everywhere in that old van, which was later replaced by a minibus with seat belts.

The Scout Association have finally allowed us back into the Scout Hut. We will resume face-to-face scouting after Easter. It will be great to see a whole young person instead of just a head. We will be in Amber – which means it is still checking temperatures, hand sanitiser, 2 metre distancing and face masks – but it will be worth it to get the sections back together again.

During the lockdown we lost quite a few of our young people. With just a few Beavers reaching 8 years over the summer holidays, we have moved them into Cubs and will close the Beaver section until September. We will be going into the schools to see if any of their pupils would like to join us, and I am sure it won't take long to have the Beavers up and running again. If you know of a child aged 6 or over, and you think they may enjoy Scouting – please get in touch for more details.

Raksha

For Interest

Garden Hints for March

In memory of John and Margaret Thacker, we are continuing with Garden Notes and the following notes were published in the April 2002.



Lawns

New. Mow twice a week if necessary.

Established. Mow and aerate, continue mowing frequently, lowering the blades at each cut down to a minimum of half an inch. Level humps and fill in hollows, apply selective weed killers and moss killer.

Dahlias

Plant out tubers at the end of the month. Divide clumps of tubers to increase stock under glass. Pot rooted cuttings and insert more if needed.

Sweet Peas

Plant out March sown seedlings. Start restricting growth on plants grown as cordons removing all tendrils and side shoots.

Flowers from Seed

Complete seed buying. Sow hardy annuals outdoors. Complete sowings of half hardy annuals. Move forward batches of plants to cold frames. Cover frames if there is a threat of frost.

Tomatoes

Plant tomatoes in a cool greenhouse in the bed prepared last month. Support plants with canes or string.

Summer Cabbages

Can be transplanted now. Plant 18" apart in and between rows. The ground should also be limed. This suits brassicas and helps to deter club root

JST.

From the archives

Kitty Rankin was a member of St Mark's congregation for many years, and she is remembered with affection. I first published her contribution back in 2007, and at the time there was a missing instalment—so here it is again from the beginning.

The Royal Air Force in Wartime **Part Two**

Around 1940 to 41 the R.A.F. air crews distinguished themselves with their bravery in the Battle of Britain, of which Mr. Churchill said “Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few”. Of course, the spitfires and hurricanes were wonderful aircraft especially the spitfire, it was so manoeuvrable, but so small it just fitted one man so the pilot had to drive it with one hand and press the button for the guns with the other.

The hurricane had two men in it, with the gunmen at the back, but the pilots loved the spitfire. Fear of the spitfires may have led to a change of tactic meaning concentration on bombing cities especially London, rather than fighting in the air, but that never broke the spirit of the people.

When the spitfires returned in dark mornings it was best to keep out of their way as it was blackout so they couldn't see you. They were housed in a huge mound of grassed over earth with 4 slits in for four planes —not easy to see from the air. The ops room was also a huge mound of grassed over earth but it seemed as though you were underground inside. Parachutes contained a rubber dinghy, a paddle, a tin of fluragene to paint the sea yellow, in case you landed there.

With the Battle of Britain, brought great admiration from civilians for everybody in the R.A.F. however menial their job. Thus we come to my experiences of the R.A.F. in wartime which is somewhat limited, because although I was in the W.A.F's for 4½ years, I am the only person I know who was never posted.

The W.A.F's of my experience did not really like leaving home, and so often they had been posted away for a short time, they got their Father to write to Archibald Sinclair, the minister for war to say their daughter was unhappy and wished to come near home. It never failed, war or no war, and thus it was that I learned, that if you want anything you start at the top.

I joined up in April 1941 and was called up in mid-July. There was not much to choose from career-wise then so I decided on stores accounting. First of all I went to Bridgenorth for two weeks for medicals. Put on your uniform, receive the rest of you kit, learn to march and instil discipline, then you were ready to go on your chosen course.

Mine was at Penarth, and after a week's leave, I arrived there a suitcase in one hand, kit bag on my shoulder, and feeling quite ill after a recent vaccination. I was rescued from the parade by a coalman who gave me a lift on his lorry to where I was billeted. The next day I was despatched to the bowels of the Salvation Army to the accompanying of rousing hymns, while we worked. It rained continually, and I have to say I have never seen rain like it, however it was lovely to be there rain or no rain.

All the books and pads said in gold lettering; "The Royal Air Force" across the top. I was overwhelmed, I thought "The Royal Airforce" how wonderful to be part of it, and a war on. What more could I possibly want, and with the Battle of Britain still fresh in peoples mind.

After a month the course was over and I had become an ACWI with a few more coppers a week on top of my 11/- (56p.)

K Rankin



For Fun

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Happy Easter

