

19 MARCH 2017

Welcome to our services today. If you are here for the first time, we hope you will soon feel at home. Please take a moment to fill out one of the yellow 'welcome cards' and hand it to one of the service leaders and do stay for refreshments served after the morning service.

Children: During the morning service there are groups for children of all ages. Due to the church hall redevelopment there are changes to where each group is meeting. Please see the screens for more details.

TODAY'S EVENTS

9:45am Prayer – in church before the service, all welcome

10:00am Communion: Seven Deadly Sins – Lust

Leading: James White Speaking: Rod Paterson

Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-13

6:30pm Healing Prayer

Leading: Barbara Knight Speaking: Rod Paterson

Reading: 1 John 1: 5-10

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 20th 9:30am &

11:00am Sunflowers

7:30pm Discipleship Action Team Meeting (church office)

Tues 21st 10:00am 'Your Kingdom Come' prayer meeting (open to all)

Wed 22nd 7:30pm Cantores Concert Rehearsal

Fri 24th 1:30pm Mums Together

Sat 25th 7:30pm Cantores Concert

Sun 26th 10:00am All Age Mother's Day Service

6:30pm Communion

The full calendar including church bookings is available at www.holyapostles.org.uk

Homegroups: We have a number of homegroups that run during the week. A list of current homegroups, and when they meet is on the display at the back of church. If you are interested in joining a homegroup please contact John Lawrence.

The church office is open Monday to Friday 9:15 – 1pm.

Contact the church by email at churchoffice@holyapostles.org.uk or phone 01242 242570

Visit the website at www.holyapostles.org.uk

NOTICES

MUMS TOGETHER

An opportunity to meet with other mums to read the Bible, pray and drink tea! This group meets weekly on alternate Thursdays and Fridays, 1:30 to 3pm in church. Next meeting is Friday 24th March. Please speak to Ruth Bull for further information.

CHURCH HALL REDEVELOPMENT

Thank you to everyone who completed a form sharing their ideas and offers of help for the church hall. There will be more news on plans in the coming weeks but in the meantime if you have any more ideas or would like to get involved please speak to Amy Wright or Jon Bull.

OpenWTC – Theology Course

Registration for the free online theology course, OpenWTC, is now open. The course starts on Monday 20th March. To find out more and to register visit www.wtctheology.org.uk/openwtc If you are interested in doing this course with others please contact Sarah Burdett (sarahburdett27@gmail.com)

NEW SCOUTING GROUPS AT THE ST MICHAELS CHURCH CORNERSTONE CENTRE

New groups for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are now running at The Cornerstone Centre on Thursday evenings. See the website for times: www.cornerstonecentre.org.uk

CHELTENHAM COFFEE CONCERT

The annual Corelli Bach Passion performance will be on Saturday 1st April in Church at 11am (part I) & 12:15pm (part II). Doors open at 10:30am when coffee and cake will be served.

HA MUSIC GROUP

The music group are always keen to hear from people who have talents that can enhance our musical worship. Do join us for one of our Tuesday practice evenings and find out a bit more, the next one is 8-9:30pm on Tuesday 28th March in church, or have a chat with Dom Hamilton.

LISTENING POST

Listening Post is a Gloucestershire wide counselling agency with offices in Cheltenham. They are currently looking for a number of volunteer receptionists to answer the telephone and provide cover whilst the trained counsellors see their clients. Full training will be provided.

For further information, please contact the Cheltenham Centre at:

lpostcheltenham@listeningpost.org.uk

More information is also available at: www.listeningpost.org.uk.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Church Annual Meeting - 23rd April 2017

The Church Annual Meeting will be held at 10am Sunday 23rd April as part of our morning worship.

1. Electoral Roll/Membership List. If you wish to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting you must be on the **Electoral Roll**. This is the official membership list of the church. To be on the electoral roll you should be baptised, and over 16 years old. You should either live in the parish or have worshipped here regularly for six months. The deadline for application to be on the Electoral Roll is 9th April. Application forms are available from Marianne Kelly.

2. Elections This year at the Church Annual Meeting we will be electing two Churchwardens, three PCC members and four Deanery Synod Reps.

To be eligible to stand for any of these positions you should have been on the Electoral roll for at least 12 months.

Please pray for God's guidance, that the people of his choice may be elected to these positions. Please be thinking if you might stand for one of these positions.

Church Hall Re-development.....we're nearly there!

With the move back into the newly renovated hall only a few weeks away we are looking for some help with furnishing the new spaces. Here is a list of items we need to buy, if you able to donate any of these please speak to Amy or Jon. All items need to be good quality and meet health and safety/fire regulations where applicable:

- Sofas/comfortable chairs
- Bar stools
- Children's table & chairs
- Rug/mat & toys for children's area
- Under-counter fridge and freezer
- Under-counter dishwasher
- Houseplants
- Flatscreen TVs

BIBLE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

⁶ So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

¹⁰ David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

¹² Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. ¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

Recommended Online Help Resources

www.covenanteyes.com Internet accountability and filtering.
www.clicktokick.com Helping to fight addictions.