

9 APRIL 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: Palm Sunday**
Leading & Speaking: James White
Reading: Mark 11:1-11.

6:30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading & Speaking: John Lawrence
Readings: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-2 & Matthew 21: 1-11

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 11th 10:00am 'Your Kingdom Come' prayer meeting (open to all)
8:00pm Music Group Practice

Thurs 13th 7:00pm Passover Meal at St Michael's Cornerstone Centre
8:30pm Coffee Concert in church

Fri 14th 10:30am United Service & Walk of Witness
2:00pm An Hour at the Cross

Sun 16th 10:00am Easter Sunday All Age Celebration
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.

NOTICES

FAMILYFUN@345

Please note there is **no** familyfun@345 today. We will be back on 14 May in the Hall.



HELP NEEDED FOR OUR NEW CAFÉ!

Would you able to offer a morning or afternoon each week to staff the new café in the church hall? The role will involve setting up, serving drinks and cake and clearing up. Training will be given. Please speak to Amy or Jon for more information.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

There will be a Passover meal followed by communion at St Michael's Church Cornerstone Centre on Maundy Thursday (13th April) at 7pm. Please sign up at the back.
If you are able to help by cooking a lamb stew please let Amy know (ingredients and recipe will be provided).

CHELTENHAM COFFEE CONCERTS

Presents 'Trois Lecons de Tenebres' Lamentations of Jeremiah
Thursday 13th April at 8:30pm in church.
Free entry.

HELP NEEDED AT SUNFLOWERS

Could you join a team on Monday mornings, term time only, for just 45 minutes, 8.30am to 9.15am to set up for Sunflowers Stay and Play Group? Please speak to Miriam or Beanie



THE BIG SING 2017

Don't miss the exhilarating festival launch!
Saturday 22nd April, 7pm, The Town Hall

THE MARK DRAMA

A Performance of the whole of Mark's Gospel in just 90 minutes!
Saturday 29th April, 7:30pm at Holy Apostles Church
Sunday 30th April, 3pm at Elim Christian Centre

THE GOD PARTICLE

A romantic comedy with a hint of sci-fi.
Performed by Ben Goodman and Bethany Goodman
Tuesday 2nd May, 7:30pm, Holy Apostles Church

Remember to book tickets and free places:
www.christianartsfestival.org
or call 01242 898403

Lunch for 18!

Could you help to provide lunch for the Mark Drama Team Rehearsal on Saturday 29 April? Please speak to Beanie.

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, nomination forms are on the table at the back of church.

APCM Documents

This year we have cut down on paper by sending out APCM reports (Annual Report and Financial End of Year Financial Statements, Agenda and Minutes from last year's APCM) by email. If you are on the Church Family List, you should have already received these. If you are not on the Church Family List but would like to receive the documents by email, please contact Amy in the Church Office. There are some hard copies available at the back of church for those without email access.

BIBLE READING

MARK 11: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.