



To know Jesus and to  
make Jesus known

27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

**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:** There are groups for children of all ages during the morning service. Please see the screens for the details of where each group meets.

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AT HA

- 9:45am** Prayer – in church before the service, all welcome  
**10:00am** Communion: Christian Imitation – Pleasing to God  
Leading: Jo Palmer Speaking: James White  
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-16  
**6:30pm** Communion  
Leading & Speaking: James White  
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### CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Mon 28th** 9:15 &  
11:00am Sunflowers Stay & Play (church)  
**Tues 29th** 10:00am Tuesday Prayer (church)  
1:30pm Mums Together  
8:00pm Music Group Practice  
**Wed 30th** 7:30pm In Depth Bible Study: 'Ruth – God's Woman' (church)  
**Fri 1st** 3:30pm Funeral of Sylvia Copson  
**Sat 2nd** 10:30am Coffee Concert (church)  
**Sun 3rd** 10:00am Morning Worship  
6:30pm Communion

The full calendar including church bookings is available on churchsuite

Homegroups: We have a number of homegroups that run during the week. If you are interested in joining a homegroup please contact John Lawrence or Anna or Rob Swan Smallgroups@holypostles.org.uk

The church office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:15 – 1pm.  
Contact the church by email at churchoffice@holypostles.org.uk or phone 01242 242570  
Visit the website at www.holypostles.org.uk

## NOTICES

### VACANCY UPDATE

For those of you who weren't in church last Sunday, it was announced that the post of Vicar of Holy Apostles and Priest-in-Charge of St Michael's has been offered to Ashley Collishaw, currently minister of Cheltenham Network Church (CNC). No date was given about when he will start as this is yet to be arranged. Please pray for him, his wife Alex and their three children. Please also pray for the congregation at CNC as they will have received the news.

### THIS WEEK

#### IN DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

This four part study on the book of Ruth starts on Wednesday 30th January. Please note that due to numbers this will now take place in church.

#### COFFEE CONCERT

A whole day of mini concerts 'Dvorak in a Day', 11am – 5pm, Saturday 2nd February in church. The concert starts at 11am with coffee and homemade cake served from 10:30am.

### COMING UP

#### CHELTENHAM PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS NETWORK

The Spring meeting is on Tuesday 5th February at 7:45pm at Warden Hill Primary School.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 9th February in the church hall from 8:15am. The speaker will be Nigel Scotland, formerly lecturer in church history and author of 20 books. He will

be speaking on 'Why Suffering?'. Please join us for food, faith and fellowship by signing up on churchsuite or emailing Richard Simpson by 7th February:

*Richardsimpson1@hotmail.com*

### IT TAKES TWO – BUILDING A LASTING MARRIAGE

Wednesday 20th March at Elim Church. An evening run by Care for the Family for all couples to build and strengthen your relationship. For tickets see: [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)

### REMINDERS

#### SPRING HARVEST 2019

A group of Church Family will be taking an annual trip to Butlins in the Easter Holidays (13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April). There is one 5-berth self-catering chalet available if anyone would like to join us. If you are not a family of 5 please do ask Beanie to explore other options.

### HA YOUTH

#### YOUTH ON TOUR

There are only 4 spaces left for our adventure weekend at the Pioneer Centre with Trinity Cheltenham. For more details and to book please visit the church website.

#### YOUTH TEAM VACANCY

Could you help out on the 3rd and 4th Sunday evening of the month and be part of our amazing youth ministry? You don't have to be young or perfect, just reliable and willing to listen and learn from the young people. Please speak to Jon Bull for more information.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### TODAY

#### Street Pastors Safe Space

After the service today, our Street Pastors; Alan, Heather and June will be available to show you around the Street Pastors Safe Space van which is parked in the church car park. This is a great opportunity to see how 'church on the streets' works in practice.

#### Chairs!

It's great that the church gets so much use with Sunday services, Sunflowers, coffee concerts and friendship groups (not to mention Christmas visits) but it has been noted that the carpet isn't looking as good as it could be. This week we're planning to get them wet vacuumed but to make this as easy as possible we need to clear the whole church of chairs and things that could get in the way. Please meet Jon at the front of Church after the service!

#### HOLY APOSTLES NEEDS YOU! - NEW PCC MEMBERS

We will be holding our APCM meeting on Sunday 7th April. At the meeting we will be electing three new members onto the PCC. The PCC helps lead the church, along with the vicar and as such we want to make sure the PCC is representative of the church as a whole. We are therefore asking all eligible members of HA to think about putting themselves forward to join the PCC. There are some conditions to being elected a) you must have been on the electoral roll for Holy Apostles for at least the preceding six months (unless aged under 18); b) an actual communicant at Holy Apostles and c) over 16 years of age. If you want to know more about being part of the PCC please talk to one of the wardens (Ian Moat or Martin Southgate) or one of the current PCC members (Mel Boswell, Jon Bull, Sarah Burdett, Steve Burdett, Margaret Clifford, Megan Day, Roger Faulks, Fiona Foulger, Dan Frankael, Rob Gill, Dom Hamilton, John Lawrence, Penny Metcalfe, Jo Palmer, Tony Solomon or James White). Please pray as to whether you are being called to serve the church in this way. With a new vicar starting this year it will be an exciting time to be on the PCC. Nomination forms will be available soon.

## BIBLE READING

### 1 THESSALONIANS 2: 1-16

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. <sup>2</sup> We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. <sup>3</sup> For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. <sup>4</sup> On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. <sup>6</sup> We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. <sup>7</sup> Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. <sup>9</sup> Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. <sup>11</sup> For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, <sup>12</sup> encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. <sup>14</sup> For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: you suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews <sup>15</sup> who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone <sup>16</sup> in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

### COLLECTION

**We do not take a collection during the service but if you would like to contribute to the work of Holy Apostles please use the bowl by the church door. If you would like to know more about giving regularly please pick up a leaflet from the back of church**