



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 8.30am 17th April

Service of Light

Sunday 10am Easter Sunday



Welcome and notices

Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

Wed 20th: Acts 3; 1-10
Luke 24: 13-35

Collect: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Response: Life-giving God: **give us new life in you**

Intercessions: Easter Sunday

Christ is risen, and the power of His resurrection fills the world today with new life, hope and expectation and so we bring to Him all our needs.

Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating the Resurrection all over the world. Language race and nationalities may be different but our worship and our joy on the Day Of Resurrection make us one in the Gospel.

We pray that The Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service praying that day by day we may grow in love for you and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mighty God, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world that they may give priority to those with the greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources. We especially pray on this special day, for peace in the world and for Ukraine and countries where there are wars and conflict.

Father God, at this joyful Eastertide we pray for our families and friends and for all joining with loved ones during the Easter Holidays. We thank you too for the joy of sending and receiving Easter cards and messages of love with those that we cannot physically see. Thank you for modern communication systems which bring our loved ones so close even when we are separated by great distances.

Creator God, we pray for all who are in need and ask you to look with mercy on those who suffer. We pray for the broken-hearted, for the sick and for the lonely that your very presence would comfort them in their time of need. **Amen**

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Pat Major, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Kate Nicholas, Jo Lais, Rob Spray, Debbie Bowman, Richard, Poppy Bailey, John W, Jo Spray and John Brennan*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families & friends: *Julian Champion, Michael Edwin Evans and Jean Heron*

We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearsmind is now. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Listening Ear. Please email prayer@olney.church for Prayers



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Sunday 10am 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday



Welcome and notices

Reading: Luke 19: 28-40
Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15, 47

Wed 13th: Isaiah 50: 4-9a
John 13: 21-32

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Response: You are our God: **we welcome you.**

Intercessions: Palm Sunday

Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble for His clothes. Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work. The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in Your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face.

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary His mother and John His disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of Your love. In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross. Fill our relationships and those of new families today, with mutual care and responsibility, and give us a secure hope for the future.

The centurion was astonished to see Your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who do not know You to see in Your Son the meaning of life and death.

Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness to those who minister to them.

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John became part of Your Church in Jerusalem. Bring into Your Church today a varied company of people, to walk with Christ in the way of His passion and to find their salvation in the victory of His cross.

Amen

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Post Communion Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ*, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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Services in church : Palm Sunday, 10th April at 9:45am / 10:00am - Procession from the church hall at 9:45am, followed by special service with Communion in the church at 10:00am

Hymns for Palm Sunday Opening 457 'Make way, make way'

Final Hymn 580 'Ride on, ride on in majesty'

Anthem 'O sacred head, once wounded'

Holy Week : Monday 11th April, **Tuesday** 12th April and

Wednesday 13th April at 7:30pm - **Service of Compline**

Maundy Thursday, 14th April at 7:30pm **Holy Communion**

Good Friday, 15th April

12:00pm to 1:00pm – prayer and readings

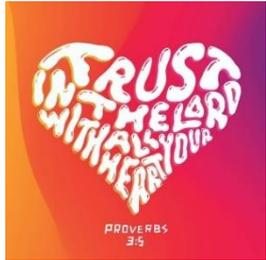
1:00pm to 2:00pm – prayer and readings

2:00pm to 3:00pm – prayer, readings and hymns

458 'My song is love unknown' (**Omit verses 4 and 6**),

745 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord' (**Omit last verse**)

Easter Sunday, 17th April '**He is risen indeed, Alleluia**'



'8:30am – Service of Light with Holy Communion

10:00am – Holy Communion for Easter Day

No Zoom Service at 6pm

Hymns for Easter Sunday 357 'Jesus Christ is risen today' **689** 'Thine be the glory'. **435** 'Living Lord'

Anthems 'An Easter Greeting' by Martin How, Trumpet solo. Mozart's 'Alleluia'.

A little celebration and presents. What a joy it was to share



some time with our Church Family last Sunday. I was overwhelmed and delighted to receive such a beautiful card and a Spa voucher, what a treat for my big birthday. Then the children arrived with flowers and a prettily decorated box. Each of the children had coloured in a butterfly (see

picture) and attached it and then it was full of lovely gifts. Thank you to you all for these great surprises. You are and have been the most wonderfully supportive Church Family over these last two challenging years. It was a joy to be able to celebrate with you and with our other two birthday girls Sue Haskell and Pat Knight. Also with our anniversary couple (58 years) Gill and Ken Noon. It was a joyous and heart-warming occasion. Thank you and God Bless, *Susan Bailey*



New treasurer. Our lovely Lisa Geary who has been our treasure(r) for a number of years, will be standing down on May 15th at the APCM. She has kept the books in excellent order, but now we need to find someone else to carry on. We use software called Financial Coordinator by Data Developments which is specifically for charities and churches. We also use the accruals and pre-payment concept of accounting. Most of our banking is done online. Are you that special person who can take on this role? Let me know Susan B

The Cherry Fair 26th June 2022. Please contact Susan Heron, or email info@olneycherryfair.org.uk , if you can help with this event. Thank you

Tithing for both 2020 and 2021 Dear All, who shall we help and support? As a Church it is our privilege and commitment to give to other charities from our income. Anyone on our electoral role may propose a registered charity for us to support. The process is a simple one: apply to the Church Office for a proposal form, return the form by the 30th April and the charities we are going to support will be notified ,once agreed by our PCC. Andrew P-K

Social Media We've re-activated the church Facebook page which has been dormant for a few years. This is in addition to our Facebook group. The page allows us to speak as a church to the wider community, letting people know about regular and special services, events and other activities. The group will continue as a place for church members and friends to share news and things of interest. If you use Facebook, please visit the page and "like" it if you haven't already - and feel free to like and share individual posts as they come out. It all helps us to spread the word about what is happening at St Peter and St Paul! Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/olney.church> Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpeterandstpaulchurcholney>

P.S. we're also starting an Instagram account, as many people now use that - @olney.church

Church Mice at Easter. Our Church Toddler group has a Family Easter Special. It will be held on Good Friday 15th April from 10am to 11.30 am in **The Gravett Hall, Baptist Church**. This is a joint event with our Baptist partners. Note location.

Church Mice meet again on Thursday 21st April 10-11am **Sunday Club** will meet on 17th April 2022 at 10am in Cowley Room. Please note location.

Knitty stitchers will be meeting on 21st April 1.00 - 3.00pm.

Holiday Bible Club (HBC) 8th – 12th August- - Drama Auditions 2022. Auditions for this year's HBC drama are taking place on Saturday, 30th April at 10.00 in the Baptist Church. If you would like to take part in the auditions, you need to be aged 10 or over and be available for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm. Please email Hilary Terry at hgterry@btinternet.com

Amazing Grace 250. We are going to be holding some very exciting events over the coming year, including a conference and exhibition with many internationally well-renowned guests. We plan to offer refreshments as part of this event so if you are available to help on 16th July, or help in the run up to the day, please contact Katie in the office.

Visitors. We have already welcomed visitors into our church and Liz Knight has trained us some new guides. There will be more details in the next edition.

Alpha 2022 with the four churches, starts on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm and continues Wednesday evenings until mid-July. It will be held in The Swan High Street South . There will be a 25min film and discussion. Bring a friend, share your faith. Contact office@olney.church to enrol. The alpha team would be delighted to discuss and answer any further questions. *Fenella and the Alpha team*

Electoral Roll. If you are a regular attender and not registered, but would like to be, then please contact Richard Colson, 07724687107 or richardcolson@btinternet.co.uk