



*A Blessed,
Hopeful and
Peaceful
Holy Week
and Easter
To us all*



Holy Week Reflection

Holy Week is the most momentous week of the Church year. It is the week that formed us as Christians. It is the week that so graphically and poignantly demonstrates the sacrifice that Jesus made - for us.

He turned his face towards Jerusalem: his enemies and certain death - for us. At the beginning of this Holy Week we need to ask ourselves - what are we doing for him. Yes of course we come together on Easter Day to celebrate, and rightly so. But can you truly celebrate if you haven't walked the walk in the preceding days? If you haven't watched with him and prayed with him during his Passion in the Garden on Maundy Thursday? If you haven't come and stood by the cross as he gave up his life for us on Good Friday? If these days are not crucial to your faith, how then can you celebrate on Easter Day? The new life comes only after the death.

If you look at the centre page you will see all that Canon Tony has done to enable us to share in this week as fully as we can. Then on Easter Day we can truly celebrate, eat our chocolate eggs and loudly proclaim

He is risen. Halleluiah

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Zoom Branch Meeting 2nd March-

We were delighted to see so many members and visitors and to be able to welcome back **Sally- Anne Beecham** as our Speaker, to tell us about **Hope House Chesterfield** .

Hope House Chesterfield is a Christian charity supporting the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in the Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire area. Currently the charity's main project is the provision of accommodation for men, meeting an identified need in the area. A building in the centre of Chesterfield was bought by the national Christian charity Green Pastures who purchase buildings for churches and Christian groups to run projects like this one, and Hope House charity leases the property from them. The building was originally a B&B but was in a shocking state of repair, so renovation work over the past four months has transformed the interior.

The building can house up to 14 men to live as a community. There is a full-time manager and other support/night staff, meaning the building is staffed 24 hours a day. Routines are set including preparing healthy meals for one another, eating together, cleaning rotas and exercise. Each resident is assessed and a plan to help meet their needs is established, this may involve support going to medical appointments or counselling, and will involve volunteer work, work experience or training. Prayers are said on site each morning and worship and seeker courses are offered to all.

The aim of Hope House is to provide a family - more than a house but a home, and, over 6 months – 2 years, to encourage the men into successful independent lives but always with a family base to come back to.

We are currently preparing for full occupancy as more people are losing their jobs and being made homeless, we aim to catch people before they end up on the streets and therefore avoid the downward spiral connected with rough sleeping.

Among other grants in 2019, Traidcraft Exchange and Tearfund benefited; also the Jericho Road Project, which funds prison visiting and resettlement. Foston Hall is one of the prisons visited, with which Mothers' Union has a link. (WDP has supported MU projects in the past.) And the Quakers received a grant for EAPPI, which supports Palestinians, and which helped fund Judith Green when she visited a few years ago. And Christian Aid emergencies are also supported.

As ever, I found it moving to think that this service, translated into many languages, ringed the world, hour after hour.

Angela Bird (on behalf of our local committee)

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World Day of Prayer 2021



As you are aware, the world day of prayer service first ever Zoom and, all things considered, quite a triumph. Thanks to Rev. Adrian Perry we were able to access the longer time needed to finish the service without interruption.

It was lovely to welcome people from all our local denominations and those who would not normally be able to attend in person - a real Churches Together event. Some may even have welcomed the simpler form of service.

This time Christine Franklin and her daughter Mary led the singing with guitar and piano and we could all join in (suitably muted) lustily and as off-key as we liked.

It is always interesting to read about the society the service comes from. In many ways the islands conjure up an earthly paradise, as in South Pacific, but of course they are subject to the threats from rising sea levels, volcanoes and two devastating cyclones in 2015 and 2020, which impacted them at the same time as the pandemic. They suffered economically from the lack of visiting tourist ships, and were unable to get seasonal work in New Zealand. But the theme was hopeful, encouraging us all to Build on a Strong Foundation.

An amazing 55 people joined the service - more than double last year. And a generous £520 has been gifted to support charities world-wide, of which £420 was gift-aided. This is over five times more than last year! And this does not include the people who donated on-line.

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If you are able to help financially we would be very grateful, and your money would pay for appropriate support packages and other resources to help these men. Even small amounts given regularly would be a big help. We are also asking groups to consider sponsoring a room and its resident - this would entail, for example, praying for the individual, buying them a Christmas present, replacing items in their room when needed.

If you are able to help by offering prayer we would also be very grateful, and you can receive regular prayer requests by signing up to our regular bulletin.

For more information you can contact us in one of these ways:

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Rev Sally-Anne Beecham

Hope House is located on Derby Rd in Chesterfield - which is the road out of Chesterfield towards Clay Cross. It is situated next to SS Augustine Church (near Tesco Metro).

Sally-Anne's role continues as full time curate at St John's Walton and SS Augustine Chesterfield and part of her role with SS Augustine will be to act as chaplain for Hope House, leading prayers and offering spiritual support to residents and staff. She will also continue in her role as trustee but this is a voluntary position.

**Date of next Zoom meeting: Tuesday
6th April 2.30pm - Speaker: Robyn Riggans** from the WORTH charity

A Word from St Anne's

St Anne's church Over Haddon will open for the first time in 2021 on Easter Sunday, the 4th of April at 9.15 am for a service of Holy Communion. We will sit, carefully socially distanced, and we won't sing any hymns, but at least we can be there and the church will be decorated with the flowers of Springtime.

As well as the sense of hope and joy that Easter always brings, this year it will feel as if we are finally emerging from the long bleak Winter of the coronavirusalthough it may not have finished with us yet, judging by the events in Continental Europe. But still, most of us will soon be protected, through vaccination, from its worst effects and life will gradually take on more normality. It will, hopefully, be a very different kind of "normality" as we, as a society, learn from the lessons of the pandemic; - of increased deprivation and inequality, of enforced isolation, of 150,000 "excess deaths" but also of the heroism and dedication of the NHS and other public services, of the possibilities of working from home, of the value of nature and our local environment and of the importance of family, friends and community. Will we see a radical re-shaping of our national life, in a more egalitarian, more sustainable, more caring way?

In the spirit of "starting afresh" at St Anne's church we are looking at how the building can be renewed and re-purposed for the future life of this community and locality. Watch this space for ideas and possibilities!

Roger Truscott



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Benefice Eucharist. 10.30am

Monday in Holy Week

Eucharist with Reflection 6pm

Tuesday in Holy Week

Zoom Compline with Address

Wednesday in Holy Week

Stations of the Cross. 4pm

Maundy Thursday

Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch of the Passion. 7pm

Good Friday

The Good Friday Liturgy. 1.30

Easter Day

The Easter Liturgy. 6am

The Eucharist at St. Anne's. 9.15

Live Reflection and Prayer on Facebook Bakewell All Saints
9.45-10.15

The Eucharist at All Saints. 10.30

Outside Easter Garden - in All Saints Churchyard on Holy Saturday. If you would like to share in this or have some pots of plants or greenery that you are happy to help with, please let Canon Tony know.

If you would like to have an Easter Lily in church in memory of a loved one - £2 a stem - please give names to Rachel

