



Holy Trinity

HURSTPIERPPOINT

Welcome to this week's edition of Holy Trinity News - Sunday 7th April 2024

After the busyness of Holy Week and Easter, we now have a chance to sit back and reflect. To reflect on what it means for each of us as individuals to know that Jesus died for us, that God gave his only son so that we might be saved. Jesus is the Saviour of the World. In our Gospel reading this week Jesus appears to the disciples, but Thomas was not there. When told by the other disciples that they had seen Jesus, of course, Thomas doubted what he was being told and said he needed to put his finger in the mark of the nails and his hand in Jesus' side in order to believe it was Jesus they had seen. A week later, Jesus appeared again and Thomas was present, and saw the marks of the nails. Then he believed. I'm sure that many of us have had times in our lives when we have had doubts, or have questioned our faith because of events happening around us. But if you have any doubts, please do read through John's Gospel, as there are many signs and pointers included so that we may believe that Jesus is The Messiah.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe (John 20:29)

Claire Levin (Reader)

HT / worship

Sunday 7th April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am Book of Common Prayer

Holy Communion

Led by Revd Debbie Beer

Preacher Kevin Carey

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 and John 20:19-end

9.30am A Service of Holy Communion

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11.00am Service

Led by

Preacher Tom Dare

Readings:

Sad news

By now many of you will have already heard the sad news that our dear friend Fran Dowsett died peacefully at St Peter and St James' Hospice on Maundy Thursday evening. Fran was a much loved member of Holy Trinity Church, and in particular, the choir. She was a faithful servant of God, at the heart of church and community, for many years. Please do pray for her children Annette, Carine, Simon and Sammy and for all Fran's family and friends. As soon as the funeral details are confirmed, we will let you know.

And further sad news, our dear friend Margaret Wilson died peacefully on Maundy Thursday, with her family around her. She was an amazing lady and will be sorely missed. Funeral details will be made known once they have been confirmed.

Friday Lent Course group - final session 5th April

A reminder that the final session of the Lent Course Friday group, will be this coming Friday, 5th April, at 1.45 for 2pm in church. All welcome!

Tuesday 9th April

9.00am Morning Prayer
7.45pm Olive Branch
8.00pm Growing Together

Thursday 11th April

2.30pm – Mothers' Union
7.30pm – Bell Ringing Practice
8.00pm – Room to Grown at Vicki Macken's home

Friday 12th April

2.00pm – Funeral of Robert Lovegrove
6.30pm – Junior Choir practice
7.15pm - Choir Practice

Sunday 14th April

9.30am A Service of Holy Communion
Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott
Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

11.00am Service

Led by
Preacher Jenny Brown

Music and Wine evening - Saturday 20th April 6 – 7.30pm



Simon Anckorn is delighted to be presenting a light hearted evening of 'Diva Greats' featuring the incredible joint talents of singers, Sam Nixon and

Sarah Rolph, both of whom have appeared with Simon previously at Holy Trinity providing very memorable concerts. Sarah & Sam will be performing great songs and duets from the world's greatest Divas, including Barbra Streisand, Aretha Franklin, Shirley Bassey, Adele, Dusty Springfield and Abba. Simon will be joined by band members, Stef Grimmatt (drums), Stu Barbour (guitar), Phil Paton (saxes), and Nick Kay (bass). It isn't strictly necessary to book ahead as there is, of course, plenty of space in the church, but it does help to have some idea of how many people are coming so if you can let me know, please do so. Tickets £8, pay on the door. Margaret Carey margaret@112a.co.uk. Doors open from 5.30pm when the bar will be open. We look forward to welcoming you.



MU News

A big thank you to Pat Johns for her inspiring talk as she led us in our Lent reflections last month, and wasn't it interesting hearing all about the excellent work of the Monday Group? We benefit so much for their good works as we enjoy exploring our beautiful countryside.

Two talks not to be missed!

We have two very interesting talks this month which we hope you will join us for –

- *Are you interested in local Hurstpierpoint history?*
- *Are you interested in work which helps prisoners when they are finally released from prison?*

If so, please put these dates in your diary.

11th April at 2.30pm – Memories of Hurstpierpoint – speaker: Mike Wooldridge

Mike Wooldridge will already be known to many of you, and we are very pleased that he is coming to share his memories of life in our wonderful village. Come with Mike for a trip down memory lane – always a joy.

17th April at 8pm – Sussex Pathways – speaker: George Baxter

- Did you know that 48% of offenders are reconvicted within one year of release from prison?
- Did you know that 42,000 prisoners in UK are 'functionally illiterate'?

and half the prison estate have a literacy level of age 11 or lower?

- Did you know one third of prisoners leaving prison are homeless?

Sussex Pathways helps prisoners in many ways, and George Baxter will be talking to us about the work he has been involved with in this outstanding charity.

(Sussex Pathways was honoured with The Queens Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK).

*Everyone is most welcome to our talks held at Holy Trinity Church.

*Visitors £2 entrance to include talk and refreshments.

Growing Together

This term Growing Together is beginning a major series on leading Old Testament figures, each session researched and presented by a different member of the group. Dates are as follows:

9 April	Adam and Eve
16 April	Noah
23 April	Abraham
30 April	Jacob
7 May	Joseph
14 May	Moses
21 May	Aaron
28 May	Joshua
4 June	Sampson
11 June	Ruth
18 June	Samuel
25 June	Saul
2 July	David
9 July	Solomon

You are very welcome to attend any of these sessions. They all begin at 8 pm and last just over an hour. You can either come in person to 112a High Street or contact margaret@112a.co.uk for a Zoom link.

There will be more in the autumn.

We are also running a crash course on the Old Testament on Wednesday 29 May beginning at 7.30 pm. The earlier time is because the session will last just over 90 minutes.

Please let me know if you'd like more information about any of this.

Kevin

Date of the APCM and Joining the Electoral Roll

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), when we appoint our churchwardens for the coming year and new members to the PCC, as well as receiving reports and the accounts for the year from 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2023, will be taking place on the evening of Monday 29th April at church. Still quite a way off but an important date in the church diary, so do put the date in your diary and join us if you are able.

Ahead of the APCM, our Parish Electoral Roll will be revised, and we encourage anyone who has been part of the church community for at least 6 months, to consider joining our electoral roll. By being part of the roll you will also have voting rights at the APCM. Electoral Roll forms are available on the table at the back of church, or you can download one from our website by visiting the [Documents and Forms](#) page. Please put completed forms into the box at the back of church, or photographed and emailed to the church office.

Thank you.

Good condition laptops and tablets needed for a school in Ukraine

Last year all the computers in a school linked with one of the Hurst Ukrainian families were destroyed by a power surge. We are looking to help replace them. If you have a spare laptop or tablet/ipad in good condition and would be willing to donate it, please get in touch:

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This week we are praying

For King Charles III as he continues his treatment for cancer, for Queen Camilla as she supports him, and for the Royal Family at this difficult time. We also pray for the Princess of Wales as she receives treatment for cancer, and for the Prince of Wales and their children.

For peace and justice in our world. For Israel and Palestine. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to Hurstpierpoint, for host families and for the whole support network.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love.

For those who are unwell including Neil, Joan, Hugo, Yasmeen, Ann, Ben, Neil, Esther, Tony, Benny, Rosemary, Susan, Paul, Roger, Pauline, Belinda, Nicki, Richard, Brian, Rosslyn and June.

For the bereaved, especially the families and friends of Fran Dowsett, Margaret Wilson, Robert Lovegrove, Paula Goodchild and Eileen Clarke,

Please do tell us if you are unwell and would like to be included in our prayer list. Do not think that any request is too small.



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