

## **OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER.**

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”**

Dear Friends,

It is so encouraging to see the signs of Spring all around us. They are a wonderful witness to our amazing creator God.

And it's so encouraging to see signs of new life in our church too.

On Mothering Sunday, some of our young people were selling cakes to raise funds for their trip to Min Y Don. 37 youngsters and six leaders, with 24 of the youngsters and five of the leaders from St. Peter's, are setting off on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please pray for them: for protection when travelling and at Min Y Don, for fun and fellowship and for a deepening relationship with God.

Whilst our youngsters are at Min Y Don, we will celebrate Palm Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and we are then opening our church on Monday from 3 until 5, Tuesday from 5 until 7 and then Wednesday from 7 until 9 for private prayer and reflection. On Maundy Thursday we will meet to remember the Last Supper at 7.30, on Good Friday we will have our all-age Hot Cross Bun Service in the Hall at 9, our reflective Service Of Hymns And Readings in Church at 10.30 and then we will gather with our brothers and sisters from St. Mary's and St. James around the Village cross at noon. We then gather together at 8 and 10.30 for our Easter Sunday celebration. Thank you to Julia for organising our Lent and Easter services and to everyone taking part. Please join us for the most important week of the year!

However, there is a lot happening after Easter! You may want to stretch your legs on a Parish Ramble to the Wirral on Easter Monday. Please ask us or Ruth for details.

And then it's our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Hall at 7.30 on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. After cheese and wine, we will be updating you on all that is happening in our church family and our amazing Quinquennial Architect, David Watkins, will be talking about the beautiful church building that we meet in. We will also be electing new members to our PCC so please do come for this very important occasion.

We also want to highlight some big changes taking place on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. After much prayerful discussion, we are going to return to our previous practice of Smiley and JAM Club members starting in church, JAM will be returning to Bishop Martin School, teas and coffees will be served in the Centenary Rooms for all who would like them and we are re-launching our Pathfinder group.

Thank you so much to the leaders of our children's and young people's groups and especially to the leaders of Smiley and JAM Club and our new Pathfinder leaders who are featured in this month's photograph. Please pray for Neil, Christine, Andrew, Becca, Andrew, Katy, Gill and Heather and for all the youngsters that they will lead.



We concluded our March newsletter by referring to the harrowing events in the Ukraine and we are, once again, including the prayer provided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Please continue to pray for peace.

With love and best wishes to you all

Terry & Alistair.

Churchwardens.

2<sup>nd</sup>. April, 2022.

*God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

*Amen.*