## Sunday 3rd March 2024 Toothill Church Newsletter

'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'

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### 10.30 Mr David Hoar



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Mr David Hoar	Midweek Lent Communion	Service	
<u>Next Sunday</u>	10.30 Rev Mark Tidey	Mothering Sunday		
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Rev Liz Arnold	Midweek Lent Communion	Service	
Activities in Toothill Church				
Monday	10.00 – 12.00 The Hub		Every week	
Monday	14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays		Next 4 <sup>th</sup> March2024	
Monday	17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays		Every week term time only	
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group		Next 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Wednesday	12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week		Every Week	
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies Every week		Every week	
Thursday	12.30 – 13.45 Bible Study in the church		Every week (See Below)	
Friday	10.30 – 12.00 Music Group e	Next 8 <sup>th</sup> March		
Friday	17.00 – 19.00Friday ClubEvery week term time only			

#### News from Rev Capt. Clive Deverell

Dear All,

An official press release will be published this week, but as you can see from the Cathedral newsletter. I am being made an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral by Bishop Viv on Tuesday 5th of March at 5.15pm. Clive.

#### Partnership Midweek Lent Communion Services

Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a Holy Communion Service. All are welcome.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Partnership Annual General Meeting

The Partnership AGM will take place in Toothill Church at 19.00 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Welcome Space Wednesdays 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Toothill Church is open for anyone to come and meet and have a chat while keeping warm. There is: Free soup, bread and hot drinks available, and a selection of board games, Jigsaws, dominoes, crafts and adult colouring etc.

#### For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included <u>https://devotions.urc.org.uk/</u> By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day.

#### Water Aid – During Lent

# In support of **WaterAid**

During Lent we collect jars of money for Water Aid Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. That's why we're here. With the help of amazing people like you, we're

working with our partners in some of the toughest places in the world. Together, we've already reached millions of people with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, enabling entire communities to unlock their potential, break free from poverty and change their lives for good. And while installing taps and toilets is essential to our work, we do so much more.

Bring your jars of money with you on Easter Day.

#### Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we are praying. Updates about those being prayed for are welcome.

Please pray for:

Alan (Emma's brother-in-law), Eileen and her family, Emma's friend Kate Storer, Jan and Gordon, Norma, Sarah and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph. Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership, Welcome Space in our churches, Our home congregation, Our work with children, Hazelwood Academy, young people and families in Toothill and West Swindon.

#### Prayer for His Majesty the King.

Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King Comfort and sure confidence in you. And keep him in perpetual peace and safety, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SPOTLIGHT 2024

Not a house group - not a Bible study - come along and find out what Spotlight is for yourself! We meet just for an hour, fortnightly on a Wednesday evening on Zoom; each session stands alone and is open to newcomers as well as regulars.

Everyone is welcome to reflect and share their thoughts about the Bible verses on screen or simply listen. Having learned from each other's insights, we leave enriched to live out our faith in daily life. No preparation is needed. Just turn up and we'll give you a warm welcome!

7.30-8.30pm (optional 7.15pm onwards - join us for a chat before the main session).

Dates: Mar 6, 20 Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85054218765?pwd=OGNES0c5VVVING5tZkV5VDJzSXVIdz09</u> Meeting ID: 850 5421 8765 Passcode: 049004 Susan, Liz and Julian (Susan: white1family@talktalk.net or tel 01793 878334)

#### News from The Diocese of Bristol

#### Upcoming dates for the diary:

11.05.2024: Everyday Faith - Pattern Church, Swindon: Exploring how churches can equip people to live as disciples making connections between our faith and everyday life. Keynote Speaker: Steve Rouse from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

13.07.2024: We're in this together - St Paul's Church, Chippenham: An opportunity to reflect together on how we can create networks of support and communities that will encourage us in the journey of culture change.

14.09.2024: Creating Pathways into Faith - St Michael's Church Centre, Stoke Gifford: Building or identifying communities around our churches and thinking together about how we can create clear pathways that will lead people from encounter, through belonging and into commitment.

#### **March Services**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev Joseph Ribiero	Communion Service	
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Rev Trevor Day	Midweek Lent Communion Service	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev Mark Tidey	Palm Sunday	
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Mr David Hoar	Midweek Lent Communion Service	
Maundy Thurs19.30		<b>Rev Mark Tidey</b>	Holy Communion at Toothill	
<b>Good Friday</b>	10.30	<b>Rev Mark Tidey</b>	All Age Worship at Toothill	
	12.30	Prayer walk from Toothill to Holy Trinity Shaw: Angela Mak (Optional) bring sandwiches to at in Toothill Church before the walk.		
	14.00	0 Holy Hour Reflections at Holy Trinity Shaw at Easter experience station with Angela Mak		
Good Friday Easter Day Easter Day	06.15	Wendy Deverell Rev Trevor Day <b>Rev Mark Tidey</b>	Tenebrae Service at St Mary's Easter Day Sunrise Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Holy Communion	

#### Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 via Zoom

To Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105668938?pwd=OERYZ0FEUndjcnVpRUJxaVhrOWswUT09 Meeting ID: 871 0566 8938 Passcode: 6pPH0J

#### DG4J (Day-group for Jesus)

Autumn Programme Jan 24 to Apr 24

Meeting on Zoom – 10:00am to 12:00pm

6. Monday, 4th March 24 – Lent 3 – Leader Mary – Venue HTS – Starts 10:30am

- 7. Monday, 11th March 24 Lent 4 Leader Edward Venue HTS Starts 10:30am
- 8. Monday, 18th March 24 Lent 5 Leader Angela Venue HTS Starts 10:30am
- 9. \*Monday, 8th April 24 (should be 25 March 24) Lent 6 Leader Pete Zoom

Ethos – 'All' are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

\*Moved to after Easter due to clash with Easter Experience (25/3 to 27/3) at HTS For further details contact:

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Zoom Details:

Click on link below to join meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/92404636497?pwd=bFJLbFM5TFdsalppekdRV2o1QzJEZz09

Meeting ID: 924 0463 6497 Passcode: 181042 Dial-in Number: 0330 088 5830

http://htschurch.org.uk/

All meetings are on Zoom, unless otherwise specified.

#### Peace begins with a smile from Jess - Three for the price of one -farming jokes



One place where I lived, I heard unusual sounds at night. It sounded sort of like hundreds of chickens, but very faint and only under the darkest moon. It turns out the place had been built over an old chicken farm, which

had become haunted by the noises of the deceased chickens. In fact we had a poultrygeist.

A Texas farmer was touring England. He happened to meet an English farmer and asked him, "What size farm do you have?"

The Englishman proudly announced, "Thirty-five acres!"

"Thirty-five acres?" the Texan scoffed. "Why, I can get in my truck at 8:00 AM and start driving and at noon, I am still on my farm. I can eat lunch and start driving again and at 5:00 PM I am still on my farm. "Ah, yes," the Englishman nodded in understanding. "I had a truck like that once."

An American farmer visits Australia, points at a tractor "What's that little thing?". "It's a tractor, mate", says the Aussie. The Texan boasts that all American tractors are twice the size. He then points to the fields, "What the hell do you call those tiny plots? Ours are 10 times the size". Finally, the Texan sees a bunch of kangaroos jumping through the fields, "What in the world are those?" The Aussie looks him in the eyes and says, "Ya haven't seen our grasshoppers before, have ya mate?"

**Toothill Church Website** Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership. We work with members at Westlea School, Holy Trinity Shaw, and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze. Our members come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed Church, and Methodist.

Lent Course for the Partnership and beyond Act on Poverty Course, from Christian Aid

(Sessions led by Day Group for Jesus leaders) Where: Holy Trinity Shaw Church – Sunshine Room When: 10.30 am to 12.00, weekly during Lent Everybody welcome – invite your friends along.

- 1. Monday, 4th March 24 Lent 3 Leader Mary. Generous
- 2. Monday, 11th March 24 Lent 4 Leader Edward. Located
- 3. Monday, 18th March 24 Lent 5 Leader Angela. Hopeful
- 4. \*Monday, 8th April 24 Lent 6. Leader Pete. Together

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