Sunday 10th March 2024 Toothill Church Newsletter

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'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'



10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Mothering Sunday



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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.

Wednesday 11.00 Rev Liz Arnold Midweek Lent Communion Service

Next Sunday 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero

Weds 20th 11.00 Rev Trevor Day 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 1st & 3rd Mondays	Next 18 th March 2024
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 th March 2024
Wednesday	12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week	Every Week
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies	Every week
Friday	10.30 – 12.00 Music Group every 2 nd and 4 th Friday	Next 22 nd March
Friday	17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club	Every week term time only

Partnership Midweek Lent Communion Services

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

Welcome Space every Wednesday 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.

Welcome Space Jumble Sale Saturday 6th April

The Welcome Space is having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 6th April at Toothill Church from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Free entrance and refreshments. All proceeds to go to the Welcome Space Fund. Any queries see Debbie or Tony.

Wednesday 24th April Partnership Annual General Meeting

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

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.

Sunday 12th May Partnership Service in Toothill Church build your Kingdom here.

It will be an opportunity to give thanks for all that has passed, to commit to God and to building God's Kingdom in West Swindon now and in the future. It will be led by lay worship leaders from across the partnership.

Each of the partnership churches are invited to provide the following towards the shared lunch following the service...

Holy Trinity - Deserts/puddings St. Mary's - Cold finger food Toothill - Hot food Westlea - Crisps and snacks

We will be showing photographs of the churches activities through the years before and after the service. Can you please ask your folks to look out any such photos they have and email them to markdowling@wswinlyd.onmicrosoft.com.

If you have any questions do come back to me.

Thank you.

Grace and peace...

Mark.

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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.

From our Treasurer February Report

Receipts:

- In February our giving (received) totalled £1,011.01
- Lettings £536
- Donations

The filling Station £40.00 Welcome Space £46.91

From Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church to the Youth fund - £250

Transfers:

From Methodist Saver to Welcome Space - £100 [for ready-use funds]
From Methodist Saver to Co-op account (Heat & Eat 2) - £150 [for pastoral reasons]

Our total receipts for February were £2,133.92

Payments:

Utilities:

Gas - £528.35 Electricity - £93.74 Water - £29.87

- Worship: reimburse Mark and Rachel for their order of communion wine and Easter crosses - £45.35
- Media & Printing: Broadband monthly £47.99

Giving:

- Welcome Space £121.46
- Heat & Eat 2 £150
- Transfer to Methodist Saver account from Youth fund £500

In February we made payments of £1,516.76

As of 1st March 2024 our balance is £11,149.73 held across our two accounts

Mike Black

(Outgoing Toothill Church Treasurer)

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 https://devotions.urc.org.uk/ By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

Prayer for His Majesty the King.

Heavenly Father, whose love enfolds us with healing and hope, we pray for Charles our King as he faces the challenge of cancer.

May your healing touch bring him quickly back to health and wholeness.

Look with kindness on Queen Camilla and all the Royal Family at this testing time.

Give wisdom, skill and compassion to those who are caring for 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.

Swindon Borough Council

Swindon Borough Council are looking for people to act as poll clerks in the forthcoming Police & Crime Commissioner and Local Elections on Thursday 2 May.

Clerks are employed to carry out administration duties at polling stations across the Borough to ensure voting is carried out correctly. On Election Day, polling staff are required to work from 6:30am until 10.00pm and undertake training prior to the day which is provided online. To find out more about becoming a poll clerk, click the link Apply to work at forthcoming elections | Swindon Borough Council

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 24 th Weds 27 th Maundy Thur	11.00	Rev Mark Tidey Mr David Hoar Rev Mark Tidey	Palm Sunday Midweek Lent Communion Service Holy Communion at Toothill
Good Friday	10.30	Rev Mark Tidey	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	Holy Hour Reflections at Holy Trinity Shaw at Easter experience stations with Angela Mak	
Good Friday Easter Day Easter Day	06.15	Wendy Deverell Rev Trevor Day Rev Mark Tidey	Tenebrae Service at St Mary's Easter Day Sunrise Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Holy Communion
April Sunday 7 th Sunday 14 th Sunday 21 st Sunday 28 th	10.30 10.30	Mr Adam Longhurst Rev Mark Tidey Rev Joseph Ribiero Rev Mark Tidey	

May

Sunday 5th 10.30 Mr Philip Bunce Sunday 12th 10.30 Partnership Service Sunday 19th 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero Sunday 26th 10.30 Mr Mark Dowling

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

- 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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Peter Rogers - peter.rogers5599@ntlworld.com - 07500355201

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 – Spring Jokes



Why is everyone so tired on April 1?

Because they've just finished a long, 31-day March!

Why is the letter A like a flower? Because a B comes after it!

What do you call it when worms take over the world? Global Worming.

What's the best flower for a boy to give on Mother's Day? A son-flower.

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.

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- 2. Monday, 18th March 24 Lent 5 Leader Angela. Hopeful
- 3. *Monday, 8th April 24 Lent 6. Leader Pete. Together
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