



# A very warm welcome to St Mark's Church

## Sunday 14th April 2024 (Easter 3)

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the 10am service and all are very welcome to stay. Sunday School and creche takes place in the Vestry - if you are coming to creche please bring an adult with you.

### Today – Easter 3

10am	Holy Communion
12.30pm	Baptism of Frankie McDonagh
4pm	F@4

### The Week Ahead

Tuesday	7.30pm	Study Group (33 Long Meadow Lane)
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion
	7-9pm	Defibrillator Training (Village Hall. Booking essential)
	7.30pm	Pro Nobis Rehearsal
Saturday	10am or 2pm	Litter Picking (Meet at church)

### Next Sunday – Easter 3

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Morning Worship with Annual Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
3pm	CAMEO
7pm	Encounter (Vestry)

### Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4.5-12 & John 10.11-18

#### Electricity Sponsorship



The electricity this week is sponsored by an anonymous donor. *Thank you to all of our sponsors.*

**'Alpha' in Kendal Parish Hall -  
Fridays at 6.30pm from 12th April -  
24th May** Come and explore or discover  
afresh the basics of the Christian Faith.  
Booking is essential. [https://  
www.trybooking.com/uk/56688](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/56688)

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy  
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Acts 3.12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 24.36b-48**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

### **For our prayers**

- ◇ all whose lives are torn apart by war, conflict, disaster or oppression including the people of the Holy Land, Ukraine and Russia
- ◇ for Charles our King and all who hold influence and power in our world;
- ◇ for Frankie being baptised today;
- ◇ a new term at school - and for all preparing for examinations
- ◇ Alpha in our Mission Community and Alpha's everywhere - that those taking part will discover more of God's love for them
- ◇ those who are sick, struggling or recovering, including: Irene Armistead, Ben Blight, Jenny Gale, Olive Gordon, Doreen Hall, Grace Kemsley, Megan Longworth, Ben Slater, Freda Smaje and May Smaje;
- ◇ all who mourn

**Endmoor First Responders** will be doing training on using the defibrillator this Thursday 18th April from 7.00-9.00 pm in Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall. The session is free but donations are welcome for the maintenance of the machine. Booking essential. To book a place please email Jenny Kelly on [jennyandtigger@gmail.com](mailto:jennyandtigger@gmail.com) or telephone her on 015395 60512

**NATLAND LITTER PICKING**  
in partnership with Natland Parish Council

Saturday 20th April

Volunteers are needed at the church from 10am or 2pm (morning and afternoon sessions). We will provide (or you can bring your own) sacks, picking tools and high-visibility waistcoats, and suggest where you might pick.

You will need to bring your own gloves and wear sturdy shoes

Why not come and help for an hour or two?



**Lent Charities** So far £711.25 has been raised for our Lent Charities. A fantastic sum. Thank you to all who have donated.

**Spuds In A Bucket** Available today - £3 entry for adults, £1 for children.

**Jigsaw Sales** This year's jigsaw stall has raised £134.96 for MNDA.

**Church Outing** This year we will visit Auckland Castle, in Bishop Auckland, once the home of the Prince Bishops of Durham. The outing will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, leaving St Mark's Church at 8.20am. The cost of the day, which includes transport, coffee, the guided tour and the Faith Museum is £39. If you would like to join us on this visit then please sign the list at the rear of Church or contact John Chandler.

**Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meeting** This meeting takes place next Sunday 21st April 2024 during the Sunday morning service at 10am. The electoral roll (now closed until after the Annual Meeting) is available for inspection. The accounts are also available and the annual report too (and if you have not received them via email they can be sent to you as a pdf - alternatively take a paper copy from the back table). Nominations for churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members are now open. Please consider standing or asking someone to stand.

**Study Group** On two Tuesdays each month - usually the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays a small group of people meet at 33 Long Meadow Lane at 7.30pm to study the Bible together. Would you like to join? Please speak to Graham Day if you are interested. We'll be exploring the parables of Jesus for the next few months at least.

**Next Charity Coffee Morning** (raising funds for the Palliative Care Support Trust in Malawi) will take place on Thursday 25th April at 10.30am.