

ST PETER & ST JOHN WEEKLY NOTICES

The Church in the Heart of the Community of Kirkley
Sunday 28 April - Saturday 3 May 2025



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WELCOME!

Come, celebrate the freedom found in Jesus.

We're an Inclusive Church, open and welcome to all.

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

We welcome you to come, open to all.

Sunday 27th April: Low Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter)

10:30am Sung Eucharist with healing prayer

Alice Tuke on the organ bench

Monday 28th April: George, martyr 304 transferred

9:30am – 1:00pm Pantry deliveries – please visit the team

Tuesday 29th April: Mark the Evangelist transferred

Kirkley Pantry open 10:00 – 12:30 and 5:00 – 6:00pm

Visitors to the Pantry by invitation only, please

Wednesday 30th April

9:30 Holy Communion

10:30am – 1:00pm PJs Lunch Club – Hall

6:30pm Compline

7:00pm PCC – Hall

Thursday 1st May: Philip & James, Apostles

Friday 2nd May: Athanasius, bishop, 373

10:00am Choir Practice

Saturday 3rd May

10:00am Prayer Gathering in the Rectory

Sunday 4th May: Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist

Alice Tuke on the organ bench

Notices

At today's Sung Eucharist, during the distribution of Holy Communion, prayer and anointing will be offered in the St Matthew Chapel.

Thank you to everybody who helped to prepare the Church, led, assisted, or attended services over during Holy Week and the Triduum.

Thank you to Paulette Holland and her team for the Travels in India event held yesterday.

Electoral Roll Forms need to be in to Graham Owers by **Saturday**. If you have taken one and not yet brought it back please try to do this by Saturday. Please do not just leave it on the table at the back of Church if the building is unattended. Either post it in the post box at the Church Hall or leave it in the drawer of the greeters table. **Being on the Electoral Roll means that you are able to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting** and also have a say in how the Church is run in and for the community.

Forms returned after Saturday will still be added to the Electoral Roll, but this will not happen until after the APCM as the Roll is closed for 14 days before the meeting.

Our **APCM** will be held after the Eucharist on **Sunday 18th May** in the Church Hall. There will be food provided. Further details to follow.

FROM THE RECTOR

Watching a Garden Grow

Spring! What is the essence of spring for you?

When I think of spring, these things come to mind:

- expectant birdsong
- swathes of spring bulbs bursting through after a long winter recharge and coming into
- flower – from snowdrops to bluebells: crocuses, daffodils, tulips
- a carpet of primroses, armfuls of cherry blossoms
- vibrant lime green leaves unfurling in the trees
- perennials coming to life and expanding rapidly, proliferating buds that will open, each in
- their own time
- increasing warmth of the sun
- ebirth and new life

In the 1990's, I was living in Brussels and getting used to a European spring. One year I visited a friend back home in Toronto in May. She had a small and lovingly tended garden. At the back there was a tree-shaded area, and the rest was open to the sun. One day we sat on her deck drinking our morning coffee. I noticed there were beautiful black tulips budding in the flower bed by the garage and thought how privileged I would be to watch the flowers opening through the week. The next morning they were fully open, and the next day they were going over! The snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils had bloomed and gone. Daily, as we sipped our morning coffee on the deck, we watched the shade-loving periwinkle vine creep across the ground under the trees as brown earth turned to green before our eyes.

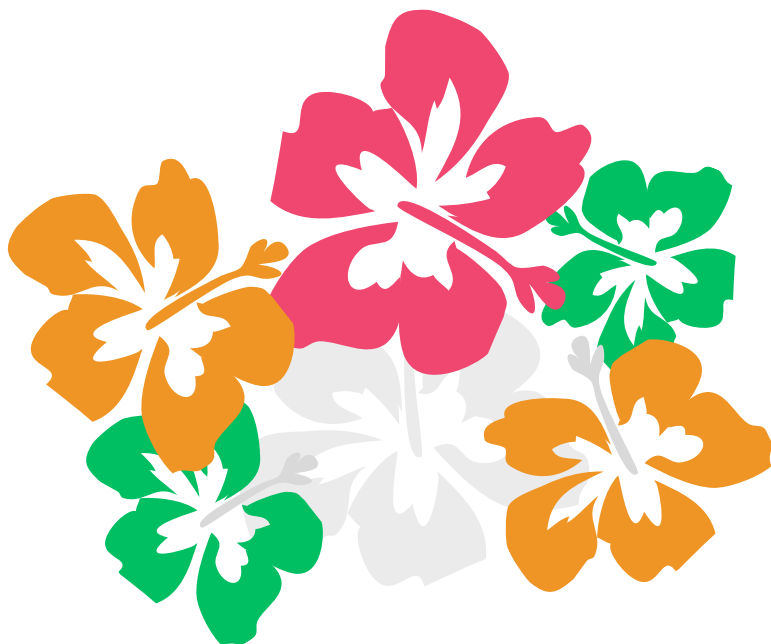
Yes, in Toronto, spring happens one week in May! When I lived in Canada, I loved coming to England in February. The early flowers were beginning to bring colour to the dull winter spaces. The cafes would have their outdoor tables out on the streets and, though it was still chilly, one could sit outside and enjoy a coffee al fresco. In sunny corners, daffodils would be starting to bloom, flower stalls on the market were vibrant with colour.

Yes, in ToJohn and I have rented a house in Pakefield that we will move to when I retire in June. We have been tending the garden! It is a great time of year for watching the growth of what is already there – a swathe of intense yellow tulips, some hyacinths, and an abundance of what are probably weeds!



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Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth, a bursting forth from a dormant time when we recharge our spirits. This is what Easter is about. Χριστός ανέστη – Christ is risen. We are recharged in rebirth through the resurrection. Blessings, Helen



Spring Bank Holiday

ST PETER & ST JOHN CHURCH, KIRKLEY

FLOWER FESTIVAL

beautiful hand crafted arrangements

SATURDAY 24 - MONDAY 26 MAY

**Tea and coffee, wine, homemade cakes,
light lunches and raffle also available!**

Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm, Monday 10-5pm



Spring Bank Holiday

ST PETER & ST JOHN CHURCH, KIRKLEY

ORGAN RECITAL

with David Ballard

SATURDAY 24 MAY, 7PM

Tickets cost £7.50 including a glass of wine

**For tickets please contact Donna Page (07961634478)
or Pat Batley (01502 562460)**

