

# NEWS AND EVENTS



**“Eco Church is a scheme to help church communities improve their Environmental impact.**

**A Rocha has developed Eco Church, an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God’s earth.”**

## **Fairtrade and Eco Church**

One of A ROCHA's suggestions for going greener in Lent is to aim to go to plastic-free - and to at least reduce our use of plastic, as I suspect many of us are doing. This is just a reminder that we can recycle 'soft plastic' – eg. crisp and sweet packets, bags used for vegetables or fruit, etc. - at local supermarkets, including Aldi and Tesco. If anyone can't get to a supermarket offering this please let Hilary or Christine know and we will happily take them for you.

## **Water Aid**

For many years we have collected money for the work of Water Aid during Lent. This is a really worthwhile cause - and one which is absolutely in line with our ethos as an Eco Church too - so if you can, please do make a donation, either in the bucket near the church door or by transfer into the church bank, with the reference: Water Aid. Thank you very much.

## **Good Friday evening – Tenebrae - at Holy Angels' Church, 6.30pm, on Friday 3rd April.**

Tenebrae has roots in a very old monastic service and is a beautiful way of ending the day on Good Friday. During the service, following each short reading about Jesus' death, a candle is blown out, so that at the end, as quiet music is played we go out into the night with the final words of the blessing in our ears: 'When all seem lost may we take God's hand, to be led into the rising of the Son'.. If you have never been to a Tenebrae service before please do join us at Holy Angels'. It should last no more than an hour.

If you would like to find out more please do talk to Hilary.



Margaret Grant has won the St Thomas' 100 Club for February.  
New members always welcome at £1 per number per Month.



### **Bible Study at St Luke's**

*Come and join us in the hall at 6:30 - 7:30pm. every Thursday as we begin our study of the Gospel of John. No prior knowledge is needed and bibles can be provided.*

### **Bible Study at St Thomas'**

Tuesday evenings at 7pm. everybody welcome.

### **St George's School, Charlestown**

Last year, parishioners at St Thomas' kindly gave Year 6 pupils at St George's C of E primary school a gift of a decorated hand-held Cross at their leaving service at St Thomas'. We would like to do the same this year and if you feel you are able to contribute to the cost of purchasing 30 Crosses.

Please see Maria or Joy. Many thanks.

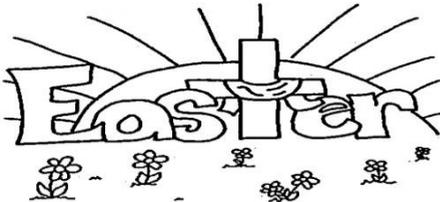
### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER at ST LUKES**

29th March - Palm Sunday –  
Holy Eucharist – 10am

2nd April - Maundy Thursday –  
6-7pm

3rd April – Good Friday –  
2-3pm

5th April – Easter Sunday –  
Easter Eucharist – 10am



### **Spring Clean at St Thomas' for Easter**

We are asking for volunteers because on Holy Saturday there is traditionally a thorough cleaning session at St. Thomas so that the church is sparkling, shiny and smelling specially nice for Easter Sunday. We usually start at 10am and are busy for 2 to 3 hours depending on the number of volunteers.

If you are able to help would you please bring your own duster/ cloth and polish. We have a reasonable supply but probably not enough if there is a large group of us.

### ***St Luke's - Coffee & Craft Morning***

Bring your craft with you and we will provide the warm space, friendly chat and a hot drink. *Every Wednesday from 10:30-12pm*

### ***Team Sunday Notices***

Any items/articles to be published on the Team Newsheet, please send them by Thursday, am of each week to: John McKenna on: [oscar701@sky.com](mailto:oscar701@sky.com)