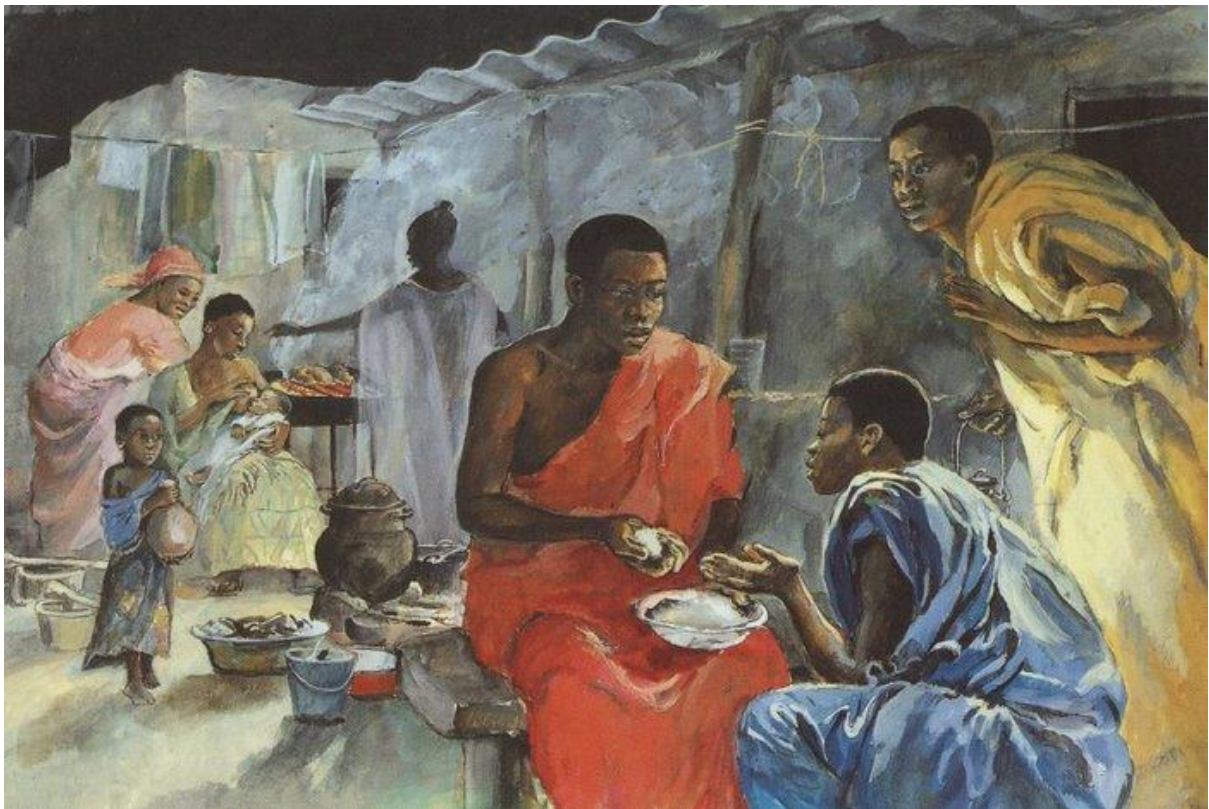




***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026***



*Jesus appears at Emmaus by Jesus Mafa, 1973, Cameroon*

## ***Easter 3***

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Eastertide Holy Communion order of service.

Prayer ministry will be available during the distribution of Holy Communion. Our prayer ministry team is small at the moment. We are still committed to offering prayer and for the time being we will be using a short Celtic prayer for healing.

*Opening Hymn: Good Christians all rejoice and sing  
Number 145 in Common Praise*

### *Collect<sup>1</sup>*

We are a people ever searching, with our digital attachments,  
for knowledge and information, for the elixir of life.

We are foolishly fast of mind and slow of heart.

What we need, though, is you, Lord.

All we require is knowledge of your presence among us.

Slow down our minds and warm up our hearts,  
that we may encounter your Spirit in meeting the stranger  
and in the breaking of bread.

When we see you, may we meet you;

when we meet you, may you turn our pain into joy

and our despondency into hope.

**Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 17

*First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers,<sup>[1]</sup> what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Gradual hymn: Now the green blade riseth*

*Number 153 in Common Praise*

## *Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he

interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Offertory Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven  
and voices raise*

*Number 137 in Common Praise*

*Communion hymn: Be still and know that I am God*

*Number 48 in Mission Praise*

*Final hymn: Sing choirs of heaven*

*Number 156 in Common Praise*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 10:30am:	Holy Communion

### **AN INVITATION TO A BREATHING SPACE**

All are invited to our monthly gathering for silent contemplative prayer. As one participant says it is *“An opportunity for shared prayerful silence amidst our noisy world”*. And if you’re unsure, or you’d like to just come and try it then *“The thought of sitting in silence with others might feel scary, but rest assured: introduction and instructions are given”*. *“45 prayerful minutes contemplating a suggested religious text, in silence, with others. What a lovely start to a Friday morning”*.

We will next gather in the vestry on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May & 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10am - 10.45am. Please access the vestry through the back door of the church in the car park. You don’t have to come every time. Come when you can. If you want to know more please speak to Fran.

### **JACK KNOWLES IS RUNNING THE BIRMINGHAM 10K FOR BRAKE IN MEMORY OF HIS MUM, CAROL KNOWLES**

To read more about Jack’s story, and the work of the charity Brake visit his Just Giving page below or by scanning the QR code where you can also sponsor him. You can also sponsor in cash – see Jack or Jess Knowles for more information.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/runforbrake?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/runforbrake?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA)



## **JENNI CREWES HAS RUN THE CYMOEDD SIR FYNEY ULTRA MARATHON TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FEAST YOUTH PROJECT**

To read more about Jenni's story, and the work of the charity The Feast visit her Just Giving page below where you can also sponsor her. You can also sponsor in cash – see Jenni for more information.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jennifer-crewes-1>

(If Jenni seems a little slower this morning and looks worse for wear this is because this was yesterday!)

## **APRIL ECO TIPS**

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open). For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

## **APCM- SAVE THE DATE!**

Our APCM will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 12, after the morning service. If you are not on our electoral roll and would like to vote please fill in a form and return it to Liz Farrier. Anyone over 16 who is baptised and has been worshipping with us for 6 months can join. If you are interested in standing for PCC please ask Jenni or James Atkinson for a helpful booklet about the process.

## **Conservatoire Concerts March - April 2026**

These concerts offer the chance to hear a wide range of music, with free entry. However, donations are welcome to help cover costs of heating, licenses and performer expenses. There is the chance to talk to some very talented musicians over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits after their recitals, which you will not get in a concert hall!

Dates are: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 19:30-20:30, Viola and Piano  
Please do your best to come and support these musicians. If you wish to be kept up to date about concerts, please contact [sthildasconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:sthildasconcerts@gmail.com) and we will add you to our mailing list, or ask Angela, Terry or Marian.

### **Tidying the garden at the front of the church**

From 11<sup>th</sup> April, weather permitting, the monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will resume. These will be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2026 dates will be: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September, and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris.

### **FAIRTRADE STALL – 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

The next Fairtrade stall will be available after the service on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Pam sells food items including tea and coffee, gifts and cards. She accepts cash and card payments.

### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **DUTY WARDENS**

Duty Wardens are responsible for getting the church ready on Sundays, including setting up the altar for Holy Communion, lighting candles, managing the collection, and clearing up at the end of the service. Most duty wardens serve once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Church Wardens Ian or Julie to find out more.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED**

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy

Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

Our current team, Anne Harris, PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC) and Mike Baynham, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) are looking for help with managing our Safeguarding needs, including the writing and reviewing of policies. Anne Harris will eventually be stepping down and we are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham and others as part of a team.

These roles are; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and the PSOS support this role. These roles requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database. If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you more detailed role descriptions. Please pray for the right people to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life, and whether this could be you.

### **This week please pray for;**

- Jenni and Ian as they visit Abbey Infant School with the Open the Book team.
- The prayer ministry team as it meets.
- Annie Lennard Reception class as they visit church to learn about the Christian faith.





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<p><u>Safeguarding information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Never promise to keep a secret.</li> <li>2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously.</li> <li>3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible".</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html">http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html</a></p>		

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