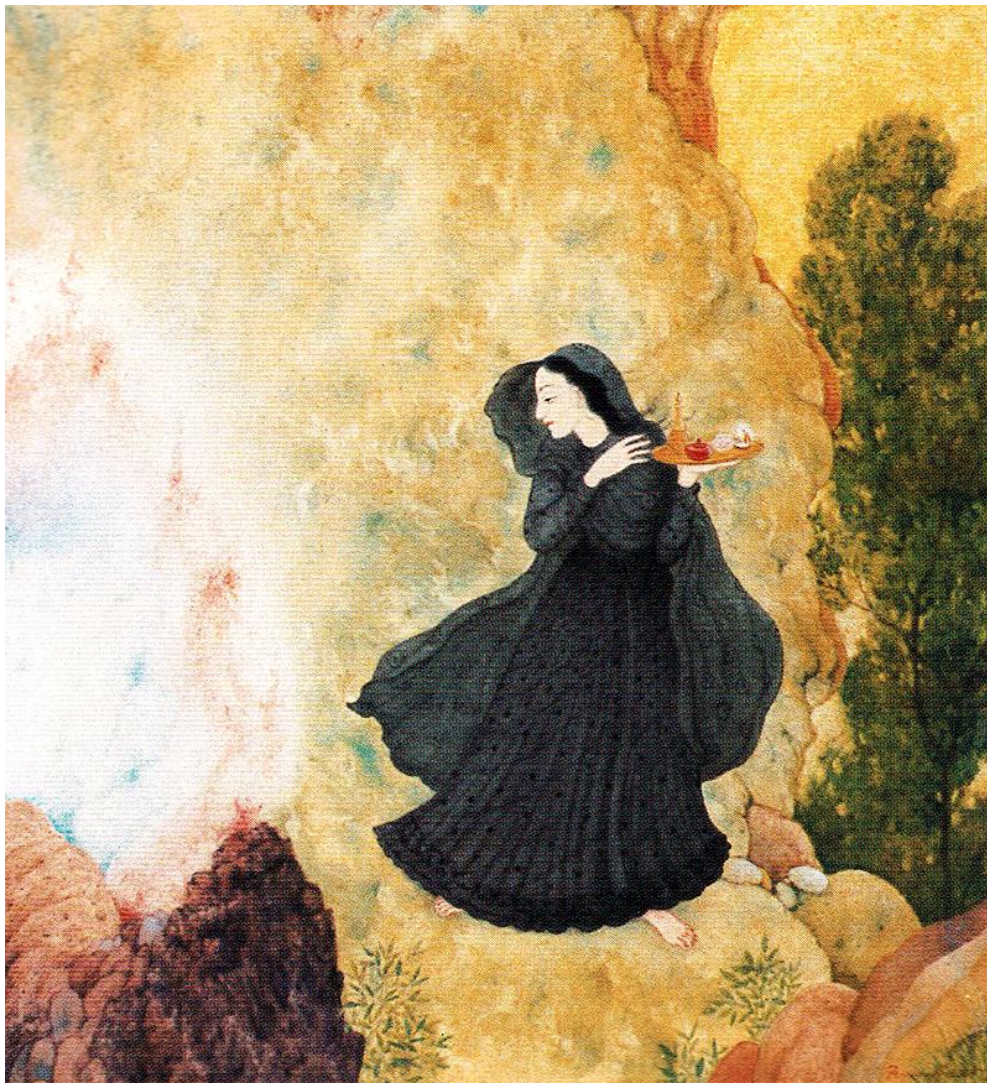




***Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026***

***Easter Sunday***



*Mary at the Tomb by Frank Wesley, 1923-2002<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59189>

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: Jesus Christ is risen today*  
*Number 147 in Common Praise*

### *Collect<sup>2</sup>*

We got it wrong, Lord Jesus Christ!  
We did not expect you to rise. Alleluia!  
Along with Mary, Salome, and Mary, Peter, James and John,  
we did not believe you foretelling  
when you spoke of resurrection.  
Praise God we got it wrong!  
Out with the old patterns of sin and death!  
In with the new order when all is made alive!  
You have done it through Christ.  
You have don it with Christ.  
You have done it in Christ.  
Alleluia, we got it wrong! Hope springs eternal.  
**Amen.**

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<sup>2</sup> Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 16

*First Reading: Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

*Gradual hymn: The day of resurrection*

*Number 157 in Common Praise*

## *Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

## *Offertory Hymn: Christ be our light*

This is the morn of new beginnings  
This is the morn when Heaven meets Earth  
This is the morn filled with God's glory  
Promise of our new birth  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts*  
*Shine through the darkness*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today*

This is the morn Christ our redeemer  
Rose from the grave triumphant and free  
Leaving the tomb of evil and darkness  
Empty for all to see  
*Christ, be our light!...*

Now will the fire kindled in darkness  
Burn to dispel the shadows of night  
Star of the morning, Jesus our savior  
You are the world's true light  
*Christ, be our light!...*

Sing of the hope deeper than dying  
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death  
Sing of the love endless as Heaven  
Dawning throughout the Earth  
*Christ, be our light!...*

Into this world, morning is breaking  
All of God's people, lift up your voice  
Cry out with joy, tell out the story  
All of the Earth rejoice

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today*

*Bernadette Farrell 2012*

*Communion hymn: Was it the shaking ground that moved*

Was it the shaking ground that moved  
the stone, that freed the resting Word,  
that called the Christ to life again:  
God's Spirit, breathing, moved and stirred?

Whatever cause, we may not know,  
but Mary heard a calming voice,  
that turned her life around again,  
that gave her reason to rejoice.

The world still spinning, recollects  
that God survived all human scorn;  
that lives were changed for ever more  
in meeting love alive, re-born.

This is the Voice that turns us round,  
that calmly offers grace to cope;  
that gives us strength to live again,  
that gives us cause to sing our hope.

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*Final hymn: Thine be the glory  
Number 160 in Common Praise*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 10am:	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 10:30am:	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 10:00am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 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 17<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

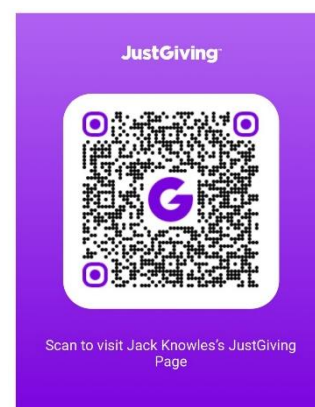
You don’t have to come every time. Come when you can.

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.

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## **JENNI CREWES IS RUNNING 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>

## **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.

### **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.

### **JENNI ON LEAVE**

Please note our vicar Jenni is on leave and won't be responding to calls or emails until Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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

- Each of us to know the hope of resurrection for ourselves and all creation.
- All families who find the school holidays difficult.
- All who are grieving.



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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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