

St. Thomas's Weekly

~ 31st March 2018 ~

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ to celebrate his risen life and what he has done for us, to listen to the word of God and to speak to God in prayer. Children are welcome at all our services!

Blessing of the Baskets

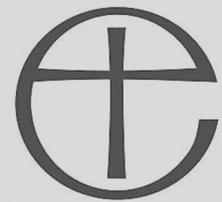


święcenie pokarmów wielkanocnych

HOLY SATURDAY

**TONIGHT - 8pm Easter Vigil
Service of Light**

Together with a 'bring and share supper'



Services/Events

SUNDAY

11:00 Easter Day - Holy Communion

FRIDAY

08:30 Said Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

11:00 Holy Communion
12:15 APCM

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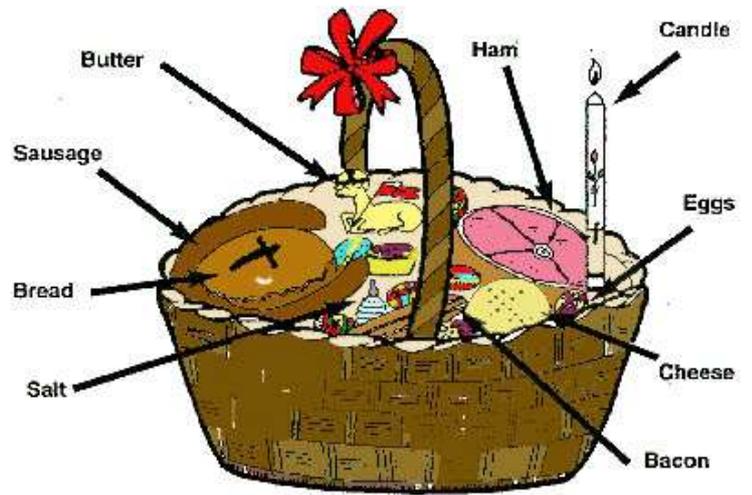
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Blessing of the baskets

Swieconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Easter evergreen. Polish people take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and just enough boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. We are very pleased that this Polish tradition has now become a regular part of our Easter celebration. It does not matter what part of the world we all come from, please come along and bring a basket of Easter foods with you.



Basket Contents and Symbolism:

- Masło / Butter : This dairy product is reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.
- Chleb / Bread: symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life.
- Chrzan / Horseradish : Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds, but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.
- Jajka & Pisanki/Eggs and Easter Eggs: Symbol of life and rebirth.
- Kielbasa / Sausage: A spicy sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favour and generosity.
- Szynka / Ham: Symbolic of great joy and abundance.
- Slonina / Smoked Bacon: A symbol of the over-abundance of God's mercy and generosity.
- Sol / Salt: So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."
- Ser / Cheese: Shaped, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have.
- Holy Water: Holy water is used to bless the home, animals, fields and used in religious rituals throughout the year.
- A candle, often marked like the Paschal Candle lit during the Easter Vigil, is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, Light of the World.
- A colourful ribbon and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached.
- The linen cover may be drawn over the top and it is now ready for the blessing.

dziś wieczorem 20.00 Wigilia
Wielkanocna, po której następuje
kolacja przynieś i podziel się
Holy Saturday

The Paschal Vigil is the first service of Easter celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day – most commonly in the evening of Holy Saturday or midnight – and is the first celebration of Easter.

For churches that celebrate the Easter Vigil on the night of Holy Saturday, the ceremonial lighting of the Paschal candle is one of the most solemn moments of the service. The service commences outside the church, when a "new fire" is lit and blessed. The Paschal candle is the first candle to be lit with a flame from this sacred fire, representing the light of Christ coming into the world. This represents the risen Christ, as a symbol of light (life) dispelling darkness (death).



The people then process into the church led by the Paschal candle. The candle is raised three times during the procession, accompanied by the chant "The light of Christ" to which the people respond, "Thanks be to God", the service then begins.

Following the Easter Vigil, a 'Bring and share supper' will take place. Please bring along your own nibbles (no sandwiches required) to share and enjoy with your church friends

11am 1st April Family Communion

**HE IS
RISEN**

EASTER SUNDAY

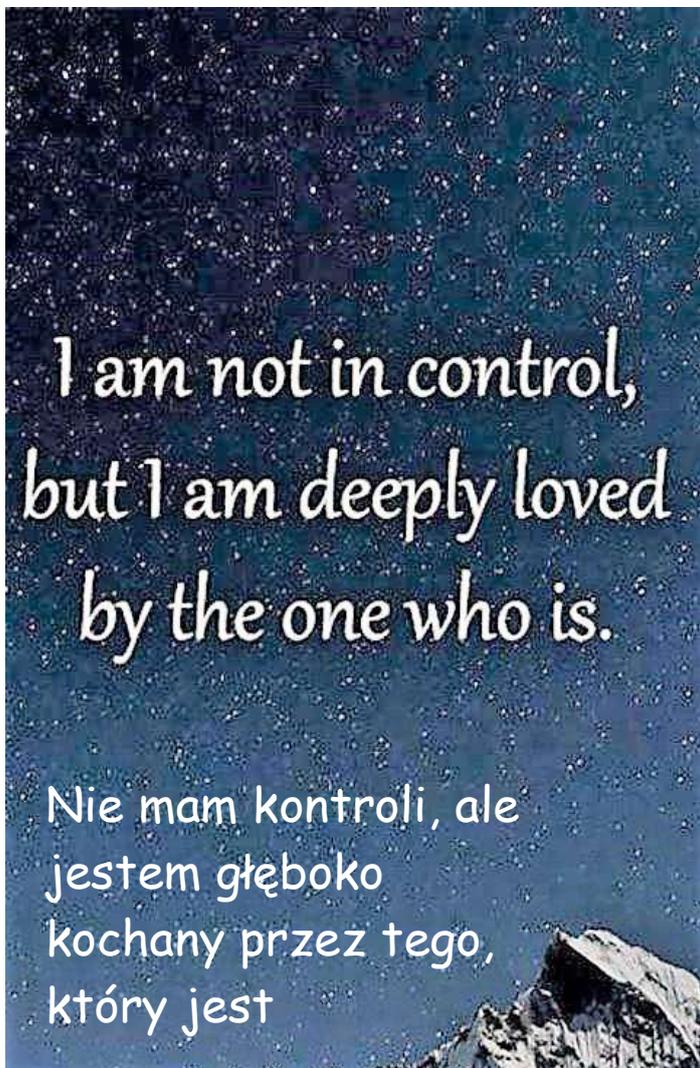


All PCC members. Please be reminded that the Annual Parish Church Meeting takes place next Sunday the 8th April at 12:15, after our church service, please advise Janet of your attendance.

Parish Prayer Bulletin

People: Brenda & Michael Burdall, Sue Gregg, Suzanne & Mark Johnson, Nancy Sims, Jean Ainsworth, Norman & Pat Mooney, Robert & Iwona Sampson, Anne Smallshaw's Grandson - William Joseph Barker and family

Just a Thought: Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love, and joy.



*I am not in control,
but I am deeply loved
by the one who is.*

*Nie mam kontroli, ale
jestem głęboko
kochany przez tego,
który jest*

MODLITWA PANSKI

Ojczy nasz, który jest w Niebie, świeć się imię Twoje; przyjdź Królestwo Twoje; bądź wola Twoja, jako w niebie, tak i na ziemi. Chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj; i odpuszc nam nasze winy, jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom; i nie wódz nas na pokuszenie, ale nas zbaw ode Złego. Twoje bowiem jest królestwem, moc i chwała, na zawsze. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.