

## Easter Services 2019

### **Holy Week— A Story of Darkness and Light.**

As ever, we need to walk through the fear, depression and sorrow of Holy Week in order to reach the joy of Easter Day. We must not miss the darkness and rush straight on to the light. Come and join us this Holy Week as we travel the road of the God-forsaken Christ in order to arrive at the empty tomb of the risen Jesus.

### **Maundy Thursday 7.45 am.**

This is the evening when we remember the first communion service. Jesus instituted it right in the middle of the Passover meal which he shared with his disciples. We recall the treachery of Judas, the sleepiness of the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' arrest and trial. This service follows the pattern of our 9am communions.

### **Good Friday 10 am**

We will meet at the Car Park opposite the Boundary House and walk to Rodbourne Baptist Church for a joint service for adults and children.

### **Good Friday 7.45 am**

This service takes place near the cross. We remember those who stood with Christ at that time and those whose courage failed them. We think about Peter who could not bring himself to admit that he had been one of the disciples of Christ. We remember John, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" as they watched the terrible events unfolding on Calvary.

### **Easter Day 5:45 am at Barbury Castle**

The darkness finally breaks and hope shines again with a totally unexpected brilliance. The women who go to anoint the body of Jesus find the tomb empty and the world changed forever. Watching the long line of headlamps snaking up the road to Barbury Castle at first light a real joy.

### **Easter Day at 9am and 11am**

Alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed: Alleluia.



## Electoral Roll - Job Done!

**Thank you for all your application forms** to re-join the electoral roll.

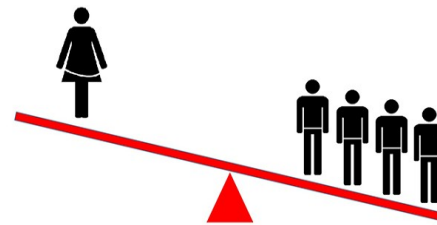
That process is now completed and will not happen again for another six years! Please check your details on the list in the foyer.

**We want to say a huge "Thank You"** to our Electoral Roll Officer, Sharon, for all her work on this. It is a mammoth undertaking but she has brought it to a very satisfactory conclusion with her excellent organisational skills.



**And even better**—she now has an official license to herd cats.

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**But her work is not quite over.** We need to be ready for the APCM on Monday April 29th. That means we will be voting for members for the new PCC. We are delighted to say that Sam Opoka has agreed to stand as churchwarden. And now we are looking for three new PCC members to fill the vacancies that are available this year. Our PCC is unusual in that the ration of men to women is quite high.



**We have only three women members** in Sharon, Helen and Carol (Nichol). So although we have the quality it would be nice to add to the quantity of female members so that we have a more representative group.

**If you feel God is calling you** to serve on PCC please ask Sharon for an application form. We are not discouraging men from standing. Far from—but we are encouraging women to put their names forward.

**The date of the APCM is Monday April 29th .**

**We will launch our new Strategic Plan on Sunday May 12th in church.**

**Prayers:** We remember the **families of Peter Demmen** and **David Podevin** who both died last week. In addition to their wider families, David leaves his wife **Lorna** and Peter his wife **Marie**. We pray for them all as they prepare for the funeral service. **Doris Haynes** is in hospital again with breathing difficulties. Please prayer that the Doctors will be able to treat her and that she will soon be well enough to go home again. We also learned this week that **Doris** is suffering from macular degeneration. We pray for her as she has recently begun treatment in an attempt to save her eyesight. We pray for **Natalie's father Adrian** as he undergoes treatment for cancer. It was good to see **Mary Smith** in church, recovering from her broken leg. **Andy** and **Cathy** continue in our prayers.



# Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday

Mon 15th	4pm	Rock Café Committee Meeting in Quiet Room
Wed 17th	1-3pm	Craft Club in Church Room
Thurs 18th	7.45pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Communion Service</b>
Fri 19th	7.45pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b>

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 15th	Pam & Peter Fletcher
Tue 16th	Paula Foster & Millie
Wed 17th	Loretta Francis
Thurs 18th	Linda Frost
Fri 19th	Alan & Colleen Futter
Sat 20th	Michael & Sheila Galvin
Sun 21st	Liz & Andy Gardner



11am volunteers to serve on the coffee rota wanted. Please contact Catherine if you can help.



## The Gift Nobody Wants

Services Next Week			
18th April	7.45pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Raymond Adams
19th April	7.45pm	Good Friday Service	Raymond Adams
21st April	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Holy Communion/All Age Service	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Raymond Adams	Psalm 38:1-17 Luke 19: 28-44
11.00am	All Age Service	Raymond Adams	Psalm 38:1-17

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