

April 10th 2022

**WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S**  
**In this time of uncertainty,**  
**we declare: Jesus is Lord!**

## **Walking Through Holy Week**

Palm Sunday is upon us, and we again begin the walk with Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem to the cross. If you haven't experienced walking through Holy Week, may I encourage it you to try it this year. There are so many ways to do it – using Bible reading notes, apps, simply reading through one of the gospels from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, or joining us for our Holy Week Services on Zoom and in church (see below for details). It can be all too easy to jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without engaging fully with the journey Jesus makes in between. But walking alongside Jesus through the week opens our eyes to understand his sacrifice and suffering more deeply.

I love the poem below, based on the story of Blind Bartimaeus. And I share it at the start of this Holy Week, praying that we may “see again” the story of Jesus' walk to the cross.

*I had no eyes  
So I sat by the roadside  
I had no name,  
Only a surname.  
I had no feet  
With no light to guide them.  
But I had ears  
And a voice to shout  
“Jesus Davidson, help me!”  
He said, “What do you want?”  
I said “To see again”  
He said, “I'm bound for Jerusalem  
To be scorned and tried  
And scourged and crucified  
Do you want to see all that?”  
I said, “Lord,  
If I stay sitting here  
How can I show I love you?”  
(Based on Mark 10: 46 - 52)*

With my prayers and love,

*Anita*

## **Baptism of Mohammad and Vahid**

Today is a very special day as Mohammad and Vahid are baptised! Please pray for them as they make this step of faith and declare their allegiance to Christ.

## **Lent Project at St. Peter's**

Don't forget our Lent Project! We are supporting three vital projects – the Community Library at St. Matthew's Church, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; a school set up by Frontiers in Jijiga, Ethiopia; and WORTH, Women on the Road to Healing, a Christian project supporting women who have been subjected to abuse. More details can be found in the Lent Project brochure. Lent Project envelopes are available in church, or donations can be made via BACS (please email [office@stpetersderby.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetersderby.org.uk) for details, and tag payments "Lent Project.") Thank you!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Fishpond Choir Concert in aid of Ukraine: 8<sup>th</sup> April, CANCELLED**

The concert by the Fishpond Choir has been cancelled due to a high number of covid cases amongst its members. We hope to reschedule a date soon – watch this space!

### **Derby 10k Run 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Don't forget that there are some road closures on Sunday morning due to the Derby 10k run. Please see the details Hilary emailed out with last week's newsletter.

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

Palm Sunday: 10.45am Morning Praise with Baptism

Monday 6.30pm: Half hour of prayer and reflection (via Zoom – usual link)

Tuesday 6.30pm: Half hour of prayer and reflection (via Zoom – usual link)

Wednesday 6.30pm: Half hour of prayer and reflection (via Zoom – usual link)

Maundy Thursday:

6.30pm Simple meal and breaking of bread (Church) – see letter above

6.30pm: Half hour of prayer and reflection (via Zoom – usual link)

Good Friday: United Service followed by coffee, tea and hot cross buns (Church and via Zoom – usual link)

Saturday: Half hour of prayer and reflection (via Zoom – via Zoom – usual link)

Easter Sunday: 10.45am Holy Communion (in church and via Zoom – usual link).

2 – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea and Easter Trail on the Castleward Square. All welcome.

### **Watch & Pray**

Thursday 14th April 2022 @ 6pm

An opportunity to share a simple meal of homemade soup together followed by **Breaking of Bread** with space to reflect and spend time in the **Garden of Tears**. Please book on the below email.

### **The Garden**

14th & 15th April 2022 @ 10am - 3pm

Why not pause to **Be Still** in our Interactive Space?

Creatively explore themes of suffering, healing, beauty from brokenness, joy beyond pain, and life after death.

### **Special Events**

Friday 15th April 2022 @ 10:30am

Join us in the **Garden of Tears** for a **United Good Friday service**.

All are welcome to stay for refreshments and hot cross buns after the service and to take time to visit the **Garden of Tears**.

## **APCM: 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place during our Sunday service on 24<sup>th</sup> April. There are three vacancies on the PCC – please speak to Anita, Nick or Eddie if you're interested in finding out more.

## **Derby Bible Week: 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Tim Ward will be speaking from the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel, on the theme of: ***Living well in God's world***. 7:30pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, at Woodlands Evangelical Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby, and also at 10:00am at Christ Church, Great Northern Rd, Derby. Meetings will also be live-streamed on ([youtube.derbybibleweek.org.uk](http://youtube.derbybibleweek.org.uk))

## **Afternoon Tea at St. Peter's: Tuesday 3rd May, 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Sandwiches and cakes will be served in the church at 2.15pm, followed by a short service of Evening Prayer. All are welcome – please call Margaret on 01332 239134 if you're planning to come for catering purposes. Hope to see you there!

## **Praying for the Persecuted Church: North Korea**

It's hard to know exactly how many Christians there are in North Korea, because they must keep their faith so well hidden, but Open Doors estimates it is 400,000 – some 1.5 per cent of the population. About 50-70,000 of these Christians are in horrendous prisons and labour camps.

Where believers are known to authorities for past 'crimes', like possessing a Bible, they are on the lowest rung of society and neglected for whatever meagre food aid is available. Bae\* and her husband were sentenced to a lifetime of back-breaking labour after North Korean authorities discovered they owned a Bible. Every morning in the village she's forced to live in, Bae spends the day working in the fields. She has to meet her work quota of crops.. But at night, in the privacy of her home, Bae gathers with a handful of other Christians and they spend time together in worship and prayer. Bae is a secret house church leader – this is her real work.

Bae once managed to escape to China – a dangerous and risky journey – but once there, she found a safe house run by Open Doors partners. She sang worship songs and prayed loud prayers. She read the Bible openly with fellow believers, experiencing fellowship in a way that is impossible in North Korea. But amazingly, when offered the chance to stay in the safe house, she refused. Instead, Bae returned home with the food and medicine she'd been given, and a precious Bible. She shared all these with her underground group of believers. These gifts will sustain the faith of these North Korean Christians for years.

Please pray for Christians in North Korea. (Open Doors Website)

## **Prayer Meeting**

Don't forget our weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday at 11am via Zoom! Please do come along if you can. For more details, please contact Geoff

## **Prayer ....**

In this testing time, do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

**Zoom Joining Details for the 10.45am Service of Morning Praise:**

**On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet:** Click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

**By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:**

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0330 088 5830; 0131 460 1196; 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240; 0203 901 7895; 0208 080 6591; 0208 080 6592
  2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
  3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
  4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
- You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening.

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