

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

8th March Joshua James Thompson

THANKSGIVING for the BIRTH of a CHILD

15th March Chloe Grace Francis



EASTER SERVICES

5th Apr **Palm Sunday**
8.00 am Holy Communion
8.30 am Parish Breakfast
9.45 am Procession of the Palms

6th Apr 9:00 pm Compline
7th Apr 9:00 pm Compline
8th Apr 9:00 pm Compline
9th Apr 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday
Communion & Vigil

10th Apr **Good Friday**
10:00 am Children's Activities in
Church
12 noon Stations of the Cross
1 – 3 pm Devotions before the
Cross

12th Apr **Easter Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
6:30 pm Evening prayer

REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday:

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service

3rd Sunday:

10.00 am Family Communion & Youth Service
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

2nd Monday:

7.30 pm The Way at 2 Hemyock Road

Every Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion

1st Thursday:

10.00 am Holy Communion at Sellywood House

2nd Thursday:

7.45 pm Issues Group at 2 Middle Park Close

4th Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother
Court

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Sat 25th April 7.30 pm Quiz Night
Sun 26th April 11.30 am Annual Meeting



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MESSAGE FROM SUSANNAH

I always think that we have a real advantage in the Northern Hemisphere, celebrating Easter as we do at the height of spring. All around us – even in the city – there are signs of the earth bringing forth new life from what has seemed very unpromising bare earth and dry branches.

What a metaphor this is of the gift of God that we celebrate at Easter; the promise of a new, different quality of life that can flow from the laying down of life. Whatever Christians believe about the resurrection of Jesus – and there are many different interpretations of the events of Easter Sunday – the church is clear that what happened was not resuscitation. Jesus was not returned to his former life; the life that he shared with his friends before he died. Instead, the resurrection is a movement into a totally different quality of life; one that is unrestricted, full, free and life-giving to others. The church has long believed that, rather than this being something that will only be available to us after death, this Resurrection Life is for us, NOW. Resurrection Life is something we can all participate in, no matter what our circumstances, no matter how restricted we feel in our every day life. One way to become aware of Resurrection life is by trying to identify what is life-giving to us in our lives; what brings us joy, or a sense of peace or contentment. We can then try to make more space in our lives for these things, if we can.

Resurrection Life is the life that Jesus came to make available to us all. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a life-giving Easter, in this season of newness and hope.

Susannah

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

Roy Smart will soon be starting his second long distance bus journey, this year beginning in Kendal. He leaves Birmingham on Wednesday 13th May and hopes to finish in London the following Wednesday. The timetable and sponsor forms can be found on the notice board in the bookstall area. All donations will be received with thanks and given to The Children's Society.

FUND RAISING

We are always looking for new ideas for fund raising. So, if you've got a good idea and are willing and able to hold or organise an event, please have a word with Susannah or one of the church wardens.

The next Fund raising event already arranged is the Quiz Night on 25th April at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Do try to come along and have some fun. You don't need to be a walking encyclopaedia to take part and swapping hints over supper always makes for an enjoyable evening. £5 per person, including supper.



CAR BOOT SALE

The next Car Boot Sale will be held on Saturday 2nd May. It would be a great help if you could start putting aside items that can be sold from the Church's Car Boot and also items suitable for the Tombola. If you can come along and help on the day, please get in touch with one of the churchwardens. The more helpers we have the easier it is for everyone.

HOLY HUMOUR

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would reach up to touch his cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

"Grandpa, did God make you?" she asked.

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes indeed, God made you just a little while ago." Touching their respective faces again, she observed,

"He's getting better at it, isn't he?"

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETINGS

The annual meetings will be held in church on Sunday 26th April at 11.30 am.

At the first meeting the Churchwardens are elected for the coming year. This meeting is open to anyone living in the Parish.

This is followed by a meeting of all those on the church electoral roll, and reviews the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and elects new Council members.