

Notices

St. Peter's Soft Play: Begins on Monday 15th April at 10.30am at St. Peter's Manor Road. Tell your friends or anyone with preschool children. 10.30-12.00 term time. £2.50 per child.

Save the Date: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 5th May** following the service at St. James (approx. 11.40).

The PCC: We will be looking for new people to join our PCC. We are currently holding the following vacancies:

6 x PCC members

1 x Deanery Synod member.

May I ask you to pray about this, we thank God that we have a strong PCC of committed Christians. If you feel that God is calling you to become a member of the PCC team, to work together in order to bring the Kingdom of God to our parish, then we would love you to fill out a nomination form which can be found in both churches. If you would like to talk about this please speak to Rev. Linda or Neil Johnson, PCC secretary. Neil's email address is pneil.johnson@btinternet.com

Friends of St. James' Quiz: the total amount raised by the recent quiz is: £974 which is an amazing amount. It was a fabulous evening, great fish and chips and good company. Thanks to Gareth and Angela for preparing the quiz, and for being super Quizmaster and adjudicator. Look out for the next one!

A note about volunteering: all volunteers are required to complete the basic stage of safeguarding training. This is a requirement of the Church of England. We do all we can to keep each other safe. If you want to book some training, please speak to Erica erica@interbrands.ltd 01789 842415

Donations to the church

can be made using this QR code. These donations go towards the Ministry and mission of the church



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Alveston Parish Newsletter Sunday 14th April 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

Hymns

181	Good Christians all, rejoice and sing
324	Love's redeeming work is done
80	Christ the Lord is risen again. Omitting v 4 & 6
495	The strife is o'er
25	Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven

This week's services & church events

Sunday	14th April
9.15am	Holy Communion at St. Peter's
10.30am	Holy Communion at St. James'
Monday	15th April
2.00pm	Tea & Chat at St. Peter's
5.15pm	Just 30 mins at St. James'
Wednesday	16th April
2-4pm	Woolly Wednesday at the YHA
Thursday	17th April
10.30am	Midweek Communion at St. James'.
3.30pm	Just 30 Minutes at St. Peter's

The Sick: We pray for all who are sick, especially Rita Hobday, Sue Chan, Doug Evans, Elizabeth Miles, Nikki Favell, Joan Umpleby, Sandra Oram, Dilys Jones, Anna Williams, Joyce Goodyear, King Charles, and Kate, Princess of Wales.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Erica Johnston. erica@interbrands.ltd 01789 842415

R.I.P We pray for Trevor Walker, Betty Parkes and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Years Mind: Alan Codling, Sallie Swan, David Reed, Hilda Jordan, Richard Dobell (priest) and all who we remember at this time of year.

Prayer for the Day - The Collect.

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

First Reading Acts 3: 12-19

(Peter heals a lame man, and the people were amazed).

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Gospel Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

For Your Prayers

We are praying for a new Bishop.

VACANCY IN SEE PRAYER -

Heavenly Father,
Please help us as we appoint a new Bishop in our diocese.
Give us wisdom to see as you see,
to hear your voice and listen to one another.
May Jesus' name be honoured.
May your Spirit guide us in our decisions.
May we do all this with your love, seeking your Kingdom and your glory.
In the name of Jesus our Lord,
Amen.