

Notices

Notice for St. Peter's Congregation: On the day of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) **Sunday 5th May** there will be **one service only**, 10.30am at St. James. It will be a family service and the APCM will follow at approx. 11.45 once people have had refreshments.

It will be really lovely to have the whole church family together on that day, so please could I encourage St. Peter's congregation to come along to St. James, and both congregations to stay for the APCM.

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.

It is with thanks to Elizabeth Dixon, our Parish Inclusion Officer, that we now have nomination forms in an accessible format for all of our PCC roles, both on our website and in hard copy. You can find these forms on the website, under 'about us' then 'PCC documents, or at the back of each church.

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

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 21st April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

Hymns

13	All hail the power of Jesus' name
120	Father hear the prayer we offer
246	In heavenly love abiding
117	Faithful shepherd, feed me
563	Ye choirs of New Jerusalem

This week's services & church events

Sunday 21st April
9.15am Holy Communion at St. Peter's
10.30am Holy Communion at St. James'

Monday 22nd April
10.30am Soft Play at St. Peter's
2.00pm Tea & Chat at St. Peter's
5.15pm Just 30 mins at St. James'

Thursday 26th 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, 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: Bruce Reed, Ann Walker, Barbara Seabridge, and all who we remember at this time of year.

Prayer for the Day - The Collect.

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

First Reading Acts 4: 5-12

The rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.'

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Gospel John 10: 11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my

life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

For Your Prayers

We are praying for a new Bishop.

Sunday: Celebrating 30 years of ordaining women priests, the Cathedral will be holding a service at 4pm today. We pray for all of those priests ordained in 1994, giving thanks for their ministry.

Monday: Wolston, Church Lawford Congregation, and their priest Malcolm Ingram.

Tuesday: Wolston St Margaret Primary School. For the Cathedral Chapter meeting today.

Wednesday: We pray for Rugby West Benefice and their priest Alan Hulme. For the DAC meeting today.

Thursday: St. Oswald's Primary Academy.

Friday: For our work as a Diocese to meet the net zero commitment.

Saturday: We pray for the Revel Group and their priest Martin Faulkner.