

Notices

Thank you: to everyone who prepared St. James' and St. Peter's for Easter. It is wonderful to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord in such beautiful surroundings.

Easter Lillies: There will be a list of the names of our loved ones, remembered through the Easter lillies, at the back of both churches.

Readers: We are always looking for new readers to read the first lesson in church. If you are interested in volunteering in this way, please speak to Julia at St. James' and Juliette at St. Peter's.

A note about volunteering: all volunteers are required to complete the foundation 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 (contact details below sick list).

Do you write Intercessions? Thank you to all of our volunteers who pray the intercessions every Sunday at St. James'. Writing and offering intercession is a faithful ministry. We thought it might be useful to develop a small library of books for anyone who is writing intercessions to look browse or borrow. The first book, entitled *500 Prayers for the Christian Year* is now on the table at the back of church. Feel free to have a look or suggest any other titles. If you are interested in joining the intercessions team, please speak to Neil Johnson.

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

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 31st March 2024 Easter Day

Hymns

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| 267 | Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia |
| 355 509 503 | Now the green blade riseth This joyful Eastertide Thine be the glory |

This week's services & church events

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| Sunday 9.15am 10.30am | 31st March Holy Communion at St. Peter's Holy Communion at St. James' |
| Wednesday 2-4pm | 3rd April Woolly Wednesday at the YHA |
| Thursday 10.30am 3.30pm | 4th April Midweek Morning Prayers led by Neil 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 and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Years Mind: Janet Lucock, Dorothy Hancox, Edmund Fairfax-Lucy, Michael Smallwood, Angela Wadland, Stanley Baldwin, Nigel Whateley, Derrick Hancox, Rosemary Holden, Percival Whelan, Beryl Clarke, Kathleen Roberts, Eric Brooks and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.



Prayer for the Day - The Collect.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Prayer after Communion

**God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from
the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy
of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

