

HOLY TRINITY TAUNTON

OUTLOOK



April 2023

Holy Trinity Service Times

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Sunday

8.00am, 10.00am & 6.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am

Friday 12.30pm

Saturday

10.00am and 6.00pm

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APRIL 2023

FR JULIAN WRITES...

It cannot have escaped your notice that Easter is nearly upon us. Easter eggs and cards have been available since the last commercial opportunities of Valentine's Day and 'Mother's Day' (!) and doubtless over-stressed and tired people are looking forward to a long weekend encompassing Good Friday and Easter Monday.

For those of us who wish to observe and celebrate the festival properly, there may seem to be little time for chocolate eggs and bunnies! It has always been the case that when you put into something, the more you'll get out, and certainly that is the case with Holy Week and Easter.

Some people will just jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. This may be because they don't 'do' weekday services, or maybe because they find the liturgies of the great 'three days' – the Triduum – too demanding emotionally and spiritually. We are very fortunate that we still are able to have services on every day in Holy Week, building up to the climax of Good Friday. And then we have the joy of anticipating the resurrection with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (I shall have two this year!)

We have faithfully followed the Way of the Cross throughout Lent, with additional opportunities of prayer, worship and reflection through services such as Compline and Stations of the Cross, and also the Lent Group. Let's not give up at the final hurdle! On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week (3-5 April), there will be a mass at 7pm with a devotional address, as you can see elsewhere in the magazine, as well as the great services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Yes, keeping them is demanding of our time as well as our emotions, but it is only following Christ faithfully, as we have tried to do during Lent, by joining with him along the Via Dolorosa – the Way of Sorrows – that we shall be led not only to Calvary, but to the resurrection.

It is at Easter that we can appreciate the depths of God's love for us, from the Incarnation of his Son to his Passion, death and resurrection. It is a triumph of life over death and sin, resulting in an eternal hope, a hope which cannot be met in any other way. The great cross, the focal point of our worship on Good Friday is transformed from a symbol of despair and death, to one of joy and hope, as it becomes transformed by Easter lilies.

I think the question that we should all ponder is what actually does Easter mean to us? I'm not just talking about the theory, the Scripture, the practice, but how does Easter actually affect our lives – how are changed by the Easter events?

It is at Easter that we celebrate new life, the risen life of Christ, a life which shared by all who wish to, and if that is the case, then it should be apparent in the way we live, and approach, our daily lives. As I mentioned earlier, we may all be feeling a little bit jaded with a long winter, and a wet beginning to Spring. Concerns with strikes across the country, the continuing effects of Covid, ever-increasing utility bills. All this can perhaps dampen our enthusiasm for joy and hope.

However, if the resurrection is a cause of joy, then how is this evidenced by us in our daily lives? It must go beyond wearing inane grins all the time, and acquiescent in all matters! So how do we experience Easter joy, and how do we display it?

I think that one analogy is the difference that we feel in ourselves, and can be seen by others, when we have a weight lifted from our minds. We feel better in ourselves, we can face the world with greater equanimity and it can be seen by others in our looks and our attitude. The gift of Christian hope should have the same effect in us. The weight of dread of being outside God's love and redemption is lifted as he once again assures us of his love in the Easter events, so we can truly say, 'Alleluia! Christ is risen!'

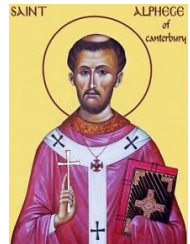
With my prayers and good wishes for good Holy Week and a joyous Easter

Fr Julian

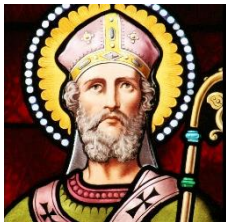
APRIL SAINTS - Fr Julian's selection of this month's saints

Saints' days this month are a little more limited due to Holy Week and Easter Week, which take precedence. But...

19th St Alphege (c953-1012) A Somerset boy, he was born in Weston, Bath. He was Bishop of Winchester before coming Archbishop of Canterbury. He was captured by Viking raiders, and killed a year later as he refused to be ransomed. Thomas Becket (1170), a successor, prayed to him before his own martyrdom.



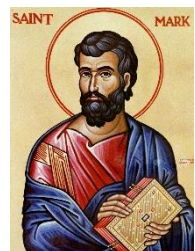
21st St Anselm (1033/4 – 1109) Born in Italy, he was a monk at Bec in France, before coming another Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. During his archiepiscopacy, he managed to assert Canterbury's



superiority over Durham and York, but the Pope's decision was reversed after his death. Anselm has been called the father of scholasticism and is famed for his theological writings concerning the nature and existence of God. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Clement XI in 1720.

23rd St George (d.303) He was a Greek Cappadocian soldier, who was martyred for refusing to recant his Christian faith. One of the most prominent military saints, he is immortalized in the legend of Saint George and the Dragon. His memorial, Saint George's Day, is traditionally celebrated on 23 April. Historically, the countries of England, Ukraine, Ethiopia and Georgia, as well as Catalonia and Aragon in Spain, and Moscow in Russia, have claimed George as their patron saint.

25th St Mark (62/3 or 68) Saint Mark, is the person who is traditionally ascribed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark. According to Church tradition, Mark founded the episcopal see of Alexandria, which was one of the five most important sees of early Christianity. His feast day is celebrated on April 25, and his symbol is the winged lion.



29th St Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) St Catherine was an Italian member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in the Roman Catholic Church. She was a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and on the Catholic Church. Canonized in 1461, she is also a Doctor of the Church and is now also regarded as a Co-Patron of Europe.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Patron Saint of our sister church in Furnham, Good Shepherd Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Eastertide, this year on 30th April. On a couple of occasions, both congregations have joined together on the 5th Sunday of the month, as we used in the days of the Local Ministry Group. So although it is not our 'turn' it is only right that we share in the festivities with Furnham. And what festivities these will be!

We are delighted that the Bishop of Oswestry will be the principal celebrant at the Sung Mass at **10.30am** (please note the change of time from usual). After the mass, there will be a buffet lunch, to which both parishes are contributing. We shall also be joined by the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Ven. Simon Hill.

At the service, it is hoped that Fr Julian will formally be licensed as 'Interim Minister' at the Good Shepherd. This is a device whereby he can have the authority of Vicar, to minister to, and with, the people there, but for a limited time period, while we continue to explore more formal links between the two parishes. Effectively, this means no change whatsoever in the status quo, other than it makes Fr Julian's position there more official. All the more reason to come along! Please pray for both parishes and Fr Julian as God's will is further discerned.

There are lists to sign at the back of Holy Trinity to sign if you're coming and want lunch, or if you can help with the food (details on the appropriate list).

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

The Sundays, readings and themes, and Saints days for April are listed below.

2 PALM SUNDAY *Theme: The Entry into Jerusalem*

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew Passion

3 Mon in Holy Week

4 Tue in Holy Week

5 Wed in Holy Week

6 MAUNDY THURSDAY *Theme: The Last Supper*

Readings: Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; 1 Cor 11.21-26; John 13.1-17&31b-35

7 GOOD FRIDAY *Theme: The Crucifixion*

Readings: Isaiah 32.13-53.12; Hebrews 4.14-16 & 5.7-9; John Passion

8 HOLY SATURDAY

9 EASTER DAY *Theme: The Resurrection*

Readings: Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

10 Mon in Easter Week

11 Tue in Easter Week

12 Wed in Easter Week

13 Thu in Easter Week

14 Fri in Easter Week

15 Sat in Easter Week



16 EASTER 2 *Theme: Our Easter Joy*

Readings: Acts 2.14a & 23-32; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

19 Wed S. Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr (1012)

21 Fri S. Anselm, Monk, Writer, Archbishop of Canterbury (1109)

23 EASTER 3 *Theme: Christ Travelling Alongside*

Readings: Acts 2.14a & 36-41; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

24 Mon S. George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England (304)

25 Tue S. MARK THE EVANGELIST

28 Fri S. Peter Chanel, Priest, Missionary, Martyr (1841)

29 Sat S. Catherine of Siena, Teacher (1380)

30 EASTER 4 *Theme: The Good Shepherd*

Readings: Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 2.19-23; John 10.1-10



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

6.30pm Service of Penitence

Monday in Holy Week

7.00pm Holy Eucharist & Address

Tuesday in Holy Week

7.00pm Holy Eucharist & Address

Wednesday in Holy Week

7.00pm Holy Eucharist & Address

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper &
Passion Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
(Hot Cross Buns in the Church Hall after)
2.00pm Last Hour Before the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Mass
of Easter

EASTER PARTY



*Fr Julian and Jane warmly invite everyone
to celebrate Easter with them at a party
in the Church Hall following the
Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday.*

THE ANGELS OF GOD ARE REJOICING

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,

Glory and power are his forever and ever.

Prayer of St. Hippolytus of Rome



A RECIPE FOR APRIL

LAMB ACCOMPANIMENTS

Lamb being the traditional meat for an Easter Sunday lunch or dinner here are two simple accompaniments. The first is a layered dish of buttery onions and potatoes which make a change from the inevitable roast potatoes and which can be left to look after itself while the meat cooks. The second, a laverbread* and orange sauce may sound outlandish but makes an unusual yet nonetheless delicious sauce which is excellent with roast lamb. Laverbread can occasionally be bought in tins in the posher supermarkets and specialist food stores or online. Both recipes should provide four ample servings.

* Laverbread is made from a seaweed of the same name ie laver: popular in South Wales and parts of Devon. It has a unique texture and flavour and is rich in iron and iodine.

Teisen Nionod (Welsh Onion Cake)

1 kg firm potatoes peeled
2 large or 3 medium onions peeled
125g unsalted butter
salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method

- Slice the potatoes very thinly using a mandolin or the fine slicing disc of a food processor. Swish them about in a bowl of cold water to get rid of some of the starch then dry off on a clean tea towel.
- Finely slice the onions. In a buttered gratin or baking dish layer in the sliced vegetables seasoning well.
- Melt the butter and pour evenly over the prepared vegetables then cover closely with foil.
- Bake in a moderate oven until a knife inserted into the centre meets with no resistance. Uncover and allow to brown nicely before serving, you may need to increase the oven temperature for this.

Laverbread sauce

Approx 250g laverbread

60g butter

juice of half a lemon and one orange

Method

Melt the butter in a small saucepan, stir in the laverbread and add the lemon and orange juice. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Alys Williams

HOLY TRINITY ²⁰⁰ Club WINNERS

February 2023

1st	Jason Stevens	£52.00
2nd	Pauline Holt	£31.20
3rd	David Gill	£20.80

CORONATION TEA - Sunday May 7th

The Social committee hope to arrange a Bring and Share Afternoon Tea to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May between 3 - 5pm, dependent upon interest/numbers.



Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like to attend.

More details will follow regarding food once numbers are known. Please see Liz or Wendy if you have any queries or can help in any way i.e. to decorate the hall, wash up etc.

Liz Hathway & Wendy Burge, Social Committee

THE STORY ABOUT THE STORY OF BEN HUR

The well-known film 'Ben Hur', with its famous chariot race, is often shown on television over Easter. If you've ever wondered how the story came about here is the answer.



There is a story to be told of the writing of *Ben Hur*, the book that became the 1959 block-buster film featuring Charlton Heston.



It was written in 1880 by Lew Wallace, an American lawyer, Union general during the Civil War, and then governor of the New Mexico Territory. (His statue still stands today on Washington's Capitol Hill).

Wallace had told his wife that he intended to examine the New Testament, and then write a book that would explode what he called "the myth of Christ's resurrection". Wisely, his Christian wife did not argue with him, but simply prayed.

The months passed, and Wallace read and reread the New Testament, and wrote and rewrote his draft chapters. Finally, he confided to his wife that he could not refute the resurrection of Christ, and that therefore his book would not be written.

Wallace's wife disagreed. She persuaded him to write his book, but from a new and different standpoint altogether. *Ben Hur – a tale of the Christ* was the result. It is the story of a high-born Jewish man who is taken prisoner by the Romans, who encounters Jesus, and whose life is gradually transformed. Oh, and there is a battle at sea and a chariot race in the story as well!

In the past 143 years since it was written, *Ben Hur – a tale of the Christ* has never been out of print.

From the Parish Pump

CHURCH GROUNDS GARDENING

Hopefully Spring is on its way which means work can start again on getting the church grounds tidied up. First impressions make a huge difference, and it would be nice if the grounds are neat, tidy and welcoming for visitors.



I propose we resume meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month between 2–4pm, starting in April. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided.

There are some tools in the crypt but if you can bring your own that would be good – fork, hoe, long handled shears, secateurs etc. There is a green bin for recycling but if you have a compost heap at home you might want to bring some sacks to transport trimmings in.

If you have any queries please see me.

Wendy Burge

SUNDAY RAFFLE



I would like to thank everyone who takes part in our regular Sunday raffle held at coffee following the Sunday Mass. We regularly collect £15 - £20 each Sunday and over the year that is a good amount towards church finances.

A list is available at the back of church for people to write their names to give a prize, so that the same few people do not always provide.

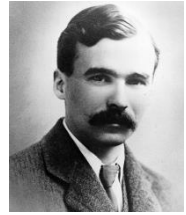
On Easter Sunday there will be a bigger event in the form of our regular £1 a square. The board is already available for you to purchase squares following the Parish Mass.

Once again thanks to everyone who purchases or donates, let's aim to break the £20 amount!

Liz Hathway

THE BANKS OF GREEN WILLOW

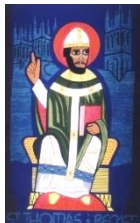
This is the title of a beautiful piece of music by George Butterworth often played on Classic FM.



It always reminds me of a time about 75 years ago when our school dramatic society was preparing to put on the play by TS Eliot called *Murder in the Cathedral*.

This famous play which concerned the quarrel between Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, and King Henry II in 1170, was staged in Plymouth's Royal Marine Barracks Globe Theatre mainly by schoolboys under the direction of Mr 'Elmer' Whitfield, our English master. Each evening after school we would walk to the Globe Theatre and assist with the production.

The piece of music I enthuse over was used as the theme tune for one of the Tempters in the play. Each one of the four Tempters involved had his own signature tune. Becket is aware that he has incurred the King's wrath which could mean death for him. The Tempters portray in lively fashion what is going on in his mind as he prepares for this eventuality. They remind Becket of the good times he had when he was a close friend of the King. They tempt Becket to seek power and pleasure over love and service to God. Butterworth's delightful music in our school's production conjured up a picture of rural pleasures and happiness.



The glory of being a saint and martyr to which Becket was tempted clashed with the fact that he was trying to obey what he considered to be his duty as an archbishop to resist the King's interference in church matters. In other words, his thoughts and meditations were leading him to do the right thing for the wrong reason.

George Coles

MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Wednesday 19th April 2023

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SUMMER FAIR - 3rd June 2023

The date for this year's Summer Fair at Holy Trinity will be on 3rd June. All our usual stalls will be there and we hope you will be able to help in any way you can to make this a successful fundraiser for our Church.



A list will be placed at the back of the Church later this month of the Stalls and Stall holders. A lot of work goes on 'behind the scenes' not only on the day but leading up to the event itself, so any help is much appreciated. Please take a look at the list for any donations or help that you can give. New Stalls and ideas are always very welcome.

On the day itself help is required in setting up for the fair and clearing away at the end. If you are only able to help for 1hr it would make a lot of difference to the people who will be there all day.

Raffle tickets will be available soon to purchase, please let us know if you would like to take some tickets to sell to your friends and family before the day. Posters for you to take for display will also be available shortly at the back of the Church, and will include all the details.

If you require any further information please contact John Godley, or Cheryl Grindle. Thank you.

HAPPY TRANSLATION

Some linguists were translating the Bible into a local African language. They had difficulty in finding a pure word for joy, the tribal words used had connotations which were not acceptable. As they were debating what would be a suitable word a dog came into the room belonging to one of the missionaries, wagging his tail enthusiastically. 'What word would you use for the joy that dog has having found his master?', the missionaries asked. They were offered a word and the final text was translated:

'There will be tail-wagging in heaven over one sinner that repents.'

Contributed by Margaret Gibbons

ALL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

It was:

- 150 years ago, on 4th April 1873 that the Kennel Club was founded in London. It oversees dog shows and dog agility competitions and operates Britain's national register of pedigree dogs.
- 100 years ago, on 15th April 1923 that insulin became generally available for the treatment of diabetes.
- Also 100 years ago, on 26th April 1923 that Prince Albert, Duke of York (later King George VI) married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) at Westminster Abbey
- 80 years ago, on 30th April 1943 that the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp was established in Germany.
- 75 years ago, on 7th April 1948 that the World Health Organization (WHO) was founded in Geneva, Switzerland as a specialist agency of the United Nations.
- 70 years ago, on 16th April 1953 that Queen Elizabeth II launched the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was decommissioned in 1997.
- 60 years ago, on 16th April 1963 that American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jnr wrote his famous 'Letter from Birmingham Jail' while imprisoned in Alabama.
- 50 years ago, on 4th April 1973 that the World Trade Centre in New York City was officially opened. It was destroyed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.
- Also 50 years ago, on 8th April 1973 that Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist died. Co-founder of the Cubism movement, he is considered one of the greatest artists of the 20th century.
- 30 years ago, on 29th April 1993 that Queen Elizabeth II announced that Buckingham Palace would open to the public for the first time, to raise funds to repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.
- Also 30 years ago, on 30th April 1993 that CERN, the creators of the World Wide Web, announced that it could be used for free by anyone. That decision has shaped the modern world as we know it.
- 25 years ago, on 10th April 1998 that the Good Friday Agreement was signed in Northern Ireland.
- 20 years ago, on 9th April 2003 that US troops took control of Iraq's capital city, Baghdad. Jubilant Iraqis celebrated the end of Saddam Hussein's regime.

From the Parish Pump



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All bookings are for 12.15. Please let me know if you would like to go to any of the venues at least *1 week prior to the date of the meal* so that I can confirm numbers with the venue.

Wendy Burge

CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND STEWARDSHIP

	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
Loose plate collections	£104	£166
Stewardship envelopes	£1120	£978
Stewardship by Bankers Order	£1858	£1983
Donations Gift Aided (net)	£40	£20
Donations – other	£194	£630
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APW Scheme - Bell VAT	£0	£3901
Collections Gift Aided	£20	£25
Sunday Raffles	£32	£75

SMILE LINES

Miscellaneous observations on daily life

- You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- The good thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

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