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St Mark's Church

Talbot Village



with St. Saviour's, Scott Road



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Easter to Pentecost

SERVICES AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

At the present time during the pandemic services at St. Mark's are temporarily changed but (SEE CURRENT NOTICE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE)

Sundays 9 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Service followed by shortened communion

Week Day Prayers in Church – The church is open on a Wednesday morning from 11am-12pm for prayer

SATURDAY PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Saturday prayers (the first Saturday of each month) Saturday at 10am in church. All are welcome to share in this informal time of prayer for our church, community and other world issues that we feel we need to bring before God.

Parish Office:

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HALL BOOKINGS

Bookings for the new hall complex are taken in the Parish Office between 9am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

AT THE TIME OF WRITING SERVICES HAVE BEGUN AGAIN IN CHURCH. TIMES MAY VARY FROM THE ABOVE. SEE PAGE 3 FOR THE LATEST UPDATE



Don't forget to send in your photographs and articles of any thing that might interest others

HOLY BAPTISMS

MARRIAGES



BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sincere sympathy to friends and relatives of:
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Henry Hunter

Keith Nickols

Pearl Atherton

Dennis Vincent

Lucy Green

Maureen Knight

Catherine Dawkes

Patricia Kennedy

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St. Saviour's Guides	Mrs Teresa Wray-Cook	731753

WHITSUN FAIR



As a young child Whitsun was a happy time and the highlight of the holiday was the local fair which came once a year to the town. A fair of some kind been held there since 1336 granted by the King as were many other ancient May fairs around the country at that time. In Pinner, the tradition had been maintained every year and still is although Covid has spoiled even that last year. It was always exciting for me to see the great steam traction engines arriving in the streets and the fairground families putting up their stalls and roundabouts. It was a day I was allowed to go to the town on my own. I loved the smell of the steam engines and the sound of the fairground music. I was given very little money to spend there so for the most part could only look at the rides or perhaps have one go trying to win something on the amusement stalls. I could never afford to ride on the big moving horses that went up and down and round and round but I loved watching them. In fact even if I had the money I was a bit nervous of going on many of the rides. The helter-skelter looked so tall and high as the children whizzed down it on coconut mats coming to a sudden halt at the bottom. The switch-back went round and round so fast it's a wonder the riders were not dizzy. Even when I shared a swing boat ride with a friend I didn't like to go too high, but at least her parents didn't ask me to pay for the ride! Goldfish in glass jars to win if you were lucky, candyfloss, and ice cream, and sausage dogs, to eat if you could pay - I just had to make do with the smell of them but it was all part of the fun of the day. I always tried to win a little more money on the roll a penny stall hoping my coin would fall in the right square – occasionally I was lucky, but more likely it was the fairground showman who won my penny! **DJN**

Expensive boat A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when she found it would cost her £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. 'That might be true,' replied the travel agent, 'but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.'

'Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,' she replied, 'I am not surprised!'

A note from the Editor

Now that some services are being held in church again please try to submit articles and stories for the magazine and send them to me at the email address below or bring them to church and hand them in at the office or put them in my tray in the clergy vestry. Failing this we may have to discontinue having a magazine for lack of contributions. Thank you. Keep safe. Diana

diananewman36@gmail.com.

CHURCH SERVICES AND SOCIAL FIXTURES

Setting out the dates, this is what the next few months may look like:

Sunday March 28th (Palm Sunday): 9am and 10.30am Services with the 10.30am Service possibly outside.

Friday April 2nd (Good Friday): 2-3pm Meditation on the Cross led by Rupert

Sunday April 4th (Easter Sunday): 9am and 10.30am Services

Then every Sunday, 9am and 10.30am Services.

May 16th: AGM (this date could change)

July 31st - St. Mark's Summer Fun Day Fair 10.30 am —2 pm

July 2nd-4th: CYE (Youth Weekend Away)

July 16th-18th: CYE (Church Family Weekend Away)

August 21st St. Mark's Jumble Sale 9.30 am—12 noon

September 10th Fashion Show in the Hall 6 pm—9 pm

Clergy Letter

Easter changes everything. Death has rightly been called 'the last enemy' and it is indeed the big enemy of every one of us. It robs us of people we love, it plunges us into heartbreak and then it leaves us with an emptiness that feels like nothing else.

But Easter changes everything. The empty tomb of Jesus abolished death as the last word on us. Instead death has become the gateway to the kind of full life that God has always intended. Of course at the time of the death of someone we love, this promise of resurrection is so difficult to envisage and so difficult to hold on to. We can only feel the pain and loss. But Easter still changes everything, even amidst the last terrible year.

On the first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene was crying in the garden thinking that someone had stolen Jesus body. The person she thought was the gardener appeared beside her. It was Jesus – and, in a wonderfully personal moment, he speaks Mary's name. It was at that moment she recognised who it was.

One day, on our own resurrection day, we will all hear our name spoken to us personally by Jesus. What we now see only as through a darkened glass we will see in total clarity. It will then all make sense and will be a day of extraordinary celebration.

A foretaste of that day can be ours even now. On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus resurrection and at the heart of our lives should be this new-life joy and celebration. It is what we were made for.

With my love, Rupert

A poem written by Kathleen O'Mara in 1869 and reprinted during the 1919 Spanish flu pandemic

And people stayed at home and read books
And listened and rested and did exercises
And made art and played and learnt new ways of doing
And stopped and listened - more deeply.
Someone meditated, someone prayed, someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently and people healed
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless, the earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and people found themselves
They grieved for the dead and made new choices
And dreamed of new visions and created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth, just as they were healed.

DEANERY SYNOD

The Synod meeting in February was held as might be expected by Zoom and the theme was very much a consideration of future plans, ideas and possibilities with discussion by those attending. Obviously threats like finance and clergy numbers were mentioned. In the past, it was normal for an Anglican church parish to have nothing much to do with other similar parishes nearby, or even church fellowships of other denominations, apart from sending information about events like flower festivals. COVID has changed a good deal in this way of thinking and the Alpha Course on line has proved that cross parish events are not only possible but can work well. Various areas of work were identified as a result of the Synod discussions and a small group is being set up to focus on these. As an indication – Does your fellowship have a techywizard who could help other parishes? Do you have a clever builder or churchwarden who knows how to organise the ways of getting a particular Faculty? Do you want to know about “Eco church”? Would you like to be involved in Deanery wide LPA training or a joint Confirmation Service? Support and information is now available from the Rural Dean on her usual e-mail address and from david.reed@hamworthychurch.co.uk.

Whit Sunday

This year Whit Sunday or **Pentecost Sunday is on 23rd May**. These days it seems to be only Christians who celebrate Whit Sunday. The holiday period is now called the Spring Bank Holiday but it is not always on Whit Sunday which is a pity because Whitsun has become a forgotten church festival for the majority of people. Whit Monday used to be a holiday and everyone felt it was a time of brighter days to come. The word Whit comes from the word White. It is so called because newly baptised or Confirmed Christians used to wear white dresses or their best clothes to celebrate the birthday of the Church. It is Pentecost when the Church first began and the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost in Jerusalem

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest. In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them ‘a Comforter’. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ’s body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.

Parish News

During lock-down we have had a change of church treasurer. Jeremy has served us well for many years and has now decided to retire and move on somewhere else. We have been lucky in securing the services of Mrs. Ann Mace who is very experienced in dealing with church accounts. It is often a time consuming job, especially at the end of the financial year. Ann is not a member of St. Mark’s but attends St. Mary’s in Ferndown. She has written a little about herself in this magazine on page seven.

As I write this we are going through Lent many Christians eat less ! or give up something special they really enjoy. This is so we can set about preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate the central mysteries of our Faith: The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Saviour Jesus Christ .

How much so many of us missed our Ash Wednesday Service beginning with the Ashes we receive I watched a service on-line and confess I had a few tears wishing I was in Church it's such an inspiring service to start our Lent Journey . We are so looking forward to welcoming you all back to celebrate our Easter Services together still being very mindful of everyone's safety at St Mark's and St Saviour's let's move together in Faithfulness and **Love. Marion**

Don't forget these DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ST MARKS SUMMER FUN DAY FAIR
SATURDAY 31ST OF JULY 10.30am—2.00 pm**

**JUMBLE SALE GRAB A BARGAIN
SATURDAY 21ST OF AUGUST 9.30am—12 noon**

FASHION SHOW FRIDAY 10TH OF SEPTEMBER 6pm—9 pm

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE OR GIVE HELP AND
SUPPORT ANY OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT :**

**Marion 01202520840 and Janet 01202710533 or any Wardens on
Church duties, also we welcome anyone wishing to join the events
team ! ☺ Marion**

Parish News

New Head-teacher for St Mark's School

Last autumn, Caroline Burn the current head-teacher of St Mark's School announced her retirement from teaching. The actual date of her retirement is the end of August later this year. Everyone is immensely thankful to Caroline for her outstanding headship for these last 18 years. She has led the school with enormous dedication, inspiration and skill. I personally have found working with Caroline in the relationship between the church and the school to be wonderfully productive and full of fruitful engagement. Caroline will be missed enormously.

Once Caroline announced her retirement, the Governors had to swing into action very quickly. The process for appointing a new Head is quite involved and takes time. Add on the factor of a pandemic and the process gets very complicated! The Governors were determined to do the interviewing face-to-face if at all possible. Appointing a new headteacher is crucial for a school and the local community so the Governors had to get it right.

To cut a long story short, the interviews were able to go ahead in February and face-to-face using the church hall, lounge and the actual church building. The space meant that we could be suitably distanced. It was a long day (7.30am to 8pm!) but in the end the Governors were able to appoint Andrew Bright as the new Head. Andrew is presently the Deputy Headteacher, and we are delighted at the appointment.

Andrew takes over the reins in September and we wish him well. He can be assured of our prayers and support.

Rupert



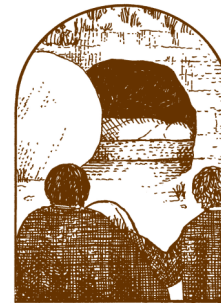
ST. SAVIOUR'S EASTER DAY SERVICE
10 am Family Service with Holy Communion

For instance, Tudor monarchs wished to be portrayed in a certain way, not only to their subjects but to those who would follow in the future: and not just by their appearance but in their decisions. The *true* facts might be slightly different.

Over the years, discoveries and archaeological finds have enlarged or corrected our knowledge of history, and at the present time, many people are attempting to re-write history according to the message they want to give relating to our colonial past or the behaviour and motives of our national heroes such as Winston Churchill, Baden Powell, Slave traders and many others. They were people of their time and understanding. To try to judge them by modern morals gives them a reputation they would not have had in their day. Those current ideas also come from the educational background influence of their accusers and even their motives. If we look back on the history of the Church, there is much that discredits Christianity. But convictions and motives evolve, and Truth can be what you make it! One quote that seems relevant is: "There are three sides to every story – "Yours, mine, and the facts"!"

The surest truth about Jesus is the transforming effect he has had on the world which is an ongoing process through his believers. We **all** share in that responsibility!

Diana Newman



Why does the date of **Easter** move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April. Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely. Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943.

What is Truth ?

Every day one of my calendars gives a message at the foot of each date. Recently the quote was: ‘ If you tell the truth you don’t have to remember anything’. Well that saying is open to challenge! How we see truth, defines our version of it.

Recently we have had various versions of truth: For example: according to some people in positions of power we have their version of when it is safe for everyone to start mixing again after the Covid 19 lockdown. We have had the budget with various politicians stating their version of truth about the economy. We have had limited versions of truth concerning the Duke of Edinburgh’s illness; the Brexit knock-on effects; and perhaps most publicised of all is Megan and Prince Harry’s version of life as a royal, with the accompanying denials or supporting statements from those who have worked with them, or befriended them. Finally, in the scripture readings before Easter, we have Jesus before Pilate, responding to questioning **John 18:37-38 (ESV)** *Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world— to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”*

We are not sure what was in Pilate’s mind when he said those words. “What is Truth”? He will have heard mixed messages about the claims people made about Jesus, and the passage seems to suggest he wasn’t keen to pass judgement on the matter himself but felt pressure to make a decision. Perhaps in the back of his mind there were questions about his own life experiences and motivations that slightly disturbed him. When we look at the gospels and their descriptions of Jesus’ ministry and crucifixion they all give a different explanation of “Truth,” because they were all written at different times, according to the different ways they wanted to portray Jesus to different cultures: Jews, or Gentiles. John is perhaps the most different of all, with his mystic signs and wonders to explain Christ as Messiah.

A Professor of History once explained to me that what we believe to be “history” depends upon how it was portrayed at the time, according to the view of the people who recorded it. This may relate to documents, paintings, or plays. We were not there, and only have their opinions, motives and understanding. The *true facts* might be slightly different. /continuedp.11

A NEW CHURCH TREASURER

I have been asked to write a few words about myself having taken on the role of treasurer for St Marks Church. I have always loved working with figures, and in 2000 I became the treasurer for my church, St Marys Ferndown for ten years where I learnt how different church accounts are.

In 2005 I retired, and shortly after resigning as Treasurer of St Mary’s, I was approached by a fellow member of my church to take on St James Church accounts , and it has escalated from there, I now look after the accounts for six churches and four charities. It was Rev’d Lucy Holt of St James Church, who recommended me to Rupert. I love serving God in this way as treasurers seem so hard to come by these days.

Nigel and I have been married for 53 years, and we have two grown up children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Although I was born in Poole, I was brought up in Zimbabwe and returned to live permanently in England in 1979.

I look forward to working with you all, as I am well aware it is always teamwork that makes everything possible.

God Bless

Ann Mace

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Dementia evening with live music and buffet which was postponed from 14th March 2020 will now take place on **Saturday 24th July 2021**. Tickets purchased for 14th March 2020 will still be valid for this new date.

Tickets are also on sale from the church office at £15 adult.

Also another date for the diary **Friday 13th August 2021**. Decade's live will be performing in our hall.

These 4 guys are amazing singing songs from TakeThat, the Beatles, Frank Valli . Tickets £15 Adult on sale from 1st April look out for more information at church.

Saturday 14th August 2021 celebrating over 150 years of Talbot Village in the grounds of St Marks Church. Fun for all the Family more information to follow.

A WOMAN'S PRAYER

So far today I am doing alright. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not moaned, whined, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have not charged on my credit card. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes and I will need more help after that!

THE VALUE OF OLD AGE

What a life! The vicar came recently and said that at my age I should be thinking of the "hereafter". I told him "Oh I do! No matter where I am, downstairs or upstairs, I ask myself - now what am I here after!"

The sun that shines across the sea, the wind that whispers in the tree,
the lark that carols in the sky, the fleecy clouds a-sailing by,
O, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me!

The raindrops which refresh the earth, the springtime mantle of rebirth,
the summer days when all things grow, the autumn mist and winter snow,
O, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me!

The task well done, the fun of play, the wise who guide me on my way,
the balm of sleep when each day ends, the joy of family and friends,
O, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me!

Irene Foster
St Saviours

Want a laugh ?

The other day I was walking through horseshoe common. A couple were walking towards me and, as they approached to walk past I gave them a smiling good morning. The man stopped dead and said accusingly « are those your own teeth ? ». Rather surprised I answered « they are actually. « Well you've got a good set of gnashes » he said and they walked on. I just fell about laughing, it made May Day ! **Lorna**

GARDEN NOTES FOR APRIL AND MAY



Hi, I really hope you have been rewarded with the golden yellow of the daffodils. Wow!

It's time to feed your lawn and prepare the beds with compost and mulching.

Nearly all the veg seeds can be planted indoors and potted on. Just watch that you have lots of warm South light

Flowers like alyssums, Ageratum, Zinnia, echinatia, black eyed Susan are strong . If you are short of space pop in a few veg among your flow-ers.

For bedding from the nurseries we have to choose what they give us. Osteospermum and cosmos are pretty drought resistant.

Plan for drought. Micro drip irrigation and water butts?

Have fun, enjoy your garden and keep mulching. God Bless you
Joanna

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