

A Message from Matt

Hi All,
As we journey together through Lent, I thought I would begin by reminding you all of some of our Easter plans.

- **Easter Garden Festival. On Saturday 23rd March at 3.30pm** I would like all you green-fingered creative folk to come and create or to place your Easter gardens which you've made at home. We would like to form a beautiful display outside the Church made up of all your creativity, of course, your Easter Gardens can reflect your own style and artistic flair as to how you might display the Easter story, how you might picture the tomb or how you might visualise new creation, through the resurrection of Jesus. These gardens can be presented in a pot or a bucket or even a wheelbarrow!
- **Tuesday 26th March 7pm**, we would like to invite you all to a reflective service, as together we spend some quiet time during **Holy Week** to focus and prepare ourselves for Easter. We will have some reflective songs and music along with some visual reflective space to offer our prayers and our evening will end with a **Service of Compline**, taken from Northumbrian Community's 'Celtic Daily Prayer'. This promises to be a beautiful evening with space for stillness.
- **Maundy Thursday. See below.** Only a few spaces remaining, so get signed up!



Maundy Thursday. 6:30pm. In the CMC.
Agape Meal with Holy Communion.

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Book your space for an evening of reflective praise around a middle-eastern inspired meal, followed by Holy Communion.
Limited Spaces. Tickets £10 per head. Booking closes on Monday 18th March.
Sign-up sheet at rear of church and in the CMC, also via the church office.

- **Good Friday.**

Hot Cross bun deliveries to our local community, do come along to the CMC at **9:30am** to help wrap and deliver, and to invite those we meet to our Easter Services. **An Hour or so at the Cross. 2pm.** A sombre yet reflective service, with 4 dramatic reflections written and delivered by members of our congregation. These reflections will be based around the experiences of 4 individuals.

1. Simon of Cyrene.
2. Pontius Pilate.
3. Mary Magdelene.
4. Peter.

Interspersed with readings, prayer, and songs this promises to be a helpful and reflective response to these lives that were so clearly impacted by Jesus and his crucifixion and how we too experience the same impact today.

- **Easter Sunday. Our 8:30am BCP, B@9 and our 10:30 Parish Church** congregations will all be celebrating that “He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah!” I’m sure that **B@9** will include an **Easter Egg Hunt** (Big thanks to Adele, for the beautifully knitted Easter chicks, each containing a Cadburys Cream Egg) as they explore the full events of Holy Week and finish with their celebration B@9 style, that Jesus is indeed alive! **At 10:30am** we will be celebrating Easter Sunday with gusto and will share together some bubbly at the end, remaining in the Church for those refreshments, and maybe an Easter egg hunt also!



So, lots happening, please do join in as much as you are able, and let’s make Easter 2024 a truly great and immersive experience for all.

Every Blessing,

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