



PARISH NEWSLETTER



The Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Palmers Green

April Edition

Dear Friends,

Vicar's Letter

Once upon a time there was young curate, who was facing his first Easter as an ordained person. He went into the local infants' school to teach the children all about Easter, and to tell them of the Christian faith that Jesus rose again from the dead

He asked the children what Jesus' first recorded words were on rising again. This was a trick question, for there are no such recorded words in the Bible. The children, however, all pondered this very seriously, and eventually one little girl was brave enough to put her hand up, and said with great flourish....."Ta.....da....!"

Well, out of the mouths of babes and all that! And although it is a made-up story, it is one which we could believe to be quite feasible given the wonderful way that young children's minds so often work. Indeed, we do not know what Jesus' first words were in that awesome moment of resurrection mystery and wonder. They are highly unlikely to have been "ta.....da.....!" But I expect

mighty, joyous cry of some sort was shouted. For such was the wonder of the moment – dead but now alive!

Belief in Jesus' resurrection is central to the Christian faith. For, if it is true, as we indeed believe, it is a moment that changes everything. Death may still hurt us now – as we know it does – but we believe that it does not have the ultimate and final say. There is hope of life and love stronger even than death.

Christian faith in Christ's resurrection isn't just for 'then', the time after death. It's also very much for 'now' – as the Christian Aid slogan puts it "We believe in life before death". Christ's resurrection brings hope for our here and now, brings hope in our moments of darkness and when life feels impossible. Every moment of despair - transformed into hope, sorrow into joy, oppression into mercy, bitterness into forgiveness is a resurrection moment because of Jesus.

For this reason, we are able to say with complete confidence:

"The Lord has risen; He has risen indeed. Alleluia!"

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Do come and journey with us this year if you seek to know more. We'd love to see you and welcome you. Details of service times will be displayed on posters outside church and also on our website www.stjohnspg.org

Meanwhile, may God bless you and those you love this Easter and always.

Rev Julie



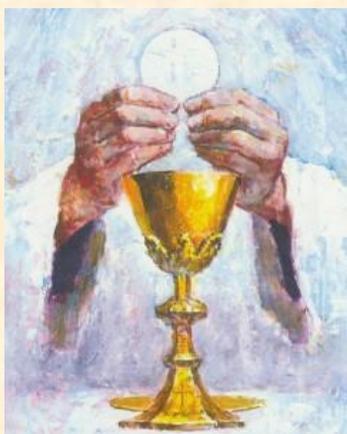
Church is re opening on Easter Day!

Please join us for private prayer on
Maundy Thursday between
10am and 12pm
and Good Friday between
1pm and 3pm

Normal services resume on Easter Sunday
at 10am.

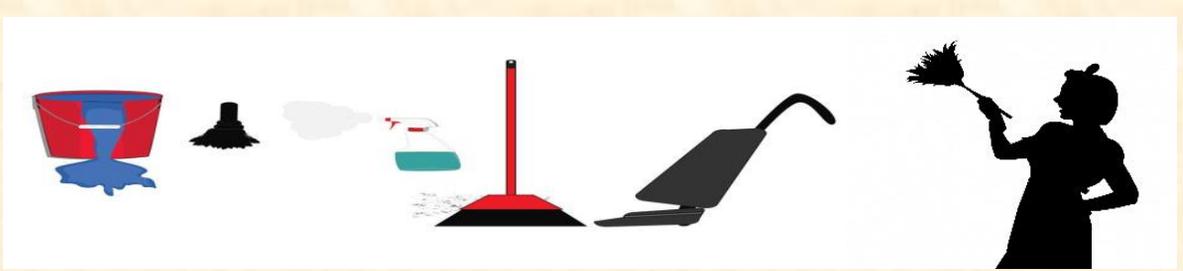
Please join us and feel free to wear your
Easter Bonnets!

Would you like to be Confirmed?



Confirmation 2021 has been booked for the 12th September at 10am. We have asked Bishop Rob to confirm all those who sought to be confirmed last year or those who are thinking of being confirmed. If you feel God is calling you to this sacrament, please contact me on 02088869557 or email me at rev.jcoleman@hotmail.com.

Please keep those who come forward in your prayers.



Cleaning Mornings at St John's

Would you be able to help clean St
Johns Church on any of the
following dates from
9.30am – 11am?

If you can please turn up as your
support is appreciated

Saturday 24th April

Saturday 22nd May

Saturday 3rd July

Saturday 7th August

Saturday 11th September

Saturday 16th October

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations of non perishable items for The Ark. We would really appreciate donations of individual carton drinks, meals in a tin e.g. curry, vegetarian items, new born baby milk and toiletries for men and women as we are also preparing packs to distribute to the homeless. 🙏



These lovely Hampers were beautifully put together by members of our congregation to give to our local community. Thank you!

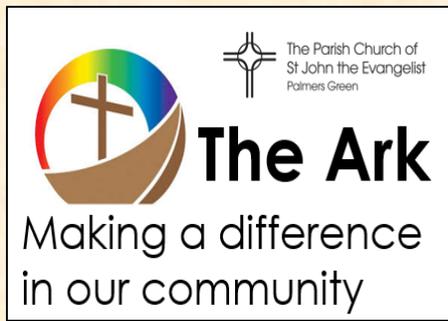


Thank you to our lovely delivery people who delivered our Easter bags to our congregation at home!



Thanks to our generous neighbours for knitting these egg warmers for our Easter egg hunt on Easter Day!





St John's Ark of Palmers Green

The Ark Update

The Ark was created to support people through the pandemic. It began as St Johns Pantry and a cake run - open one day a week but quickly expanded into a take away café, clothes bank, support groups, etc. Currently the project is open three days a week and provides a range of food, clothes, food parcels, resources and opportunities to participants.

Regular team meetings ensure that the voice of those with direct experience of food poverty and vulnerability is being heard. All volunteers of differing ages feel that they are contributing to something worthwhile, and that they have their own role to play on The Ark. We are very grateful to the huge amount of people who have offered their services and time to be possible volunteers in the future. Once the lockdown has been fully lifted, we will be in contact with you.

The Impact of your donations

More people are feeling less ashamed to come for support. Hot meals, food parcels and clothes are free due to your donations. Participants of all ages, cultures and backgrounds are learning to accept that we will journey with them.

Participants are forming relationships in The Ark that continue outside it. Participants with mental health conditions and learning disabilities are reporting reduced isolation. Less are hungry because of you!

Thank you for all you have and do to help us keep The Ark afloat. We hope and pray that you feel able to continue supporting The Ark.

Many blessings,
Rev Julie

Keep Connected

Are you living alone? And taking time out during this difficult time?

Would you like a call, someone to chat to and someone who may be able to help with things that you would normally do out and about yourself. You may not feel you need to chat or have a little support right now but during the weeks ahead if you do please do not hesitate to call us. Please note the contact number below and give us a call during the coming weeks. Please call Rev Julie and the lay chaplains on 020 8886 0847



Can you help?

Do you have time to support our parish with some volunteering during the challenging weeks ahead? No matter how little time you can offer we would really appreciate your support. It could be from just making food bags in The Ark or getting with someone's shopping

Please call Becky for more details on: 020 8886 0847. Do leave a message with your name and number if Becky is not in and she will get back to you as soon as possible. 😊

The God who speaks – Holy Week meditation

Meditate

The passion of Jesus speaks about each one of us and invites us to identify with the characters. At this time of uncertainty, we do well to reflect what role we play in this drama of our salvation. Who are we in this story? Are we the disciples who run away? Are we the crowds who betray Jesus? Or perhaps Simon, Joseph or the women who follow and assisted him? All of us have a role to play.

Pray

Lord Jesus out of love for humanity you mounted the wood of the cross while all along praying for those who assisted your execution. Give me courage to place myself in this story and strength to stand by you. Amen

Kid's Page

Easter Word Search

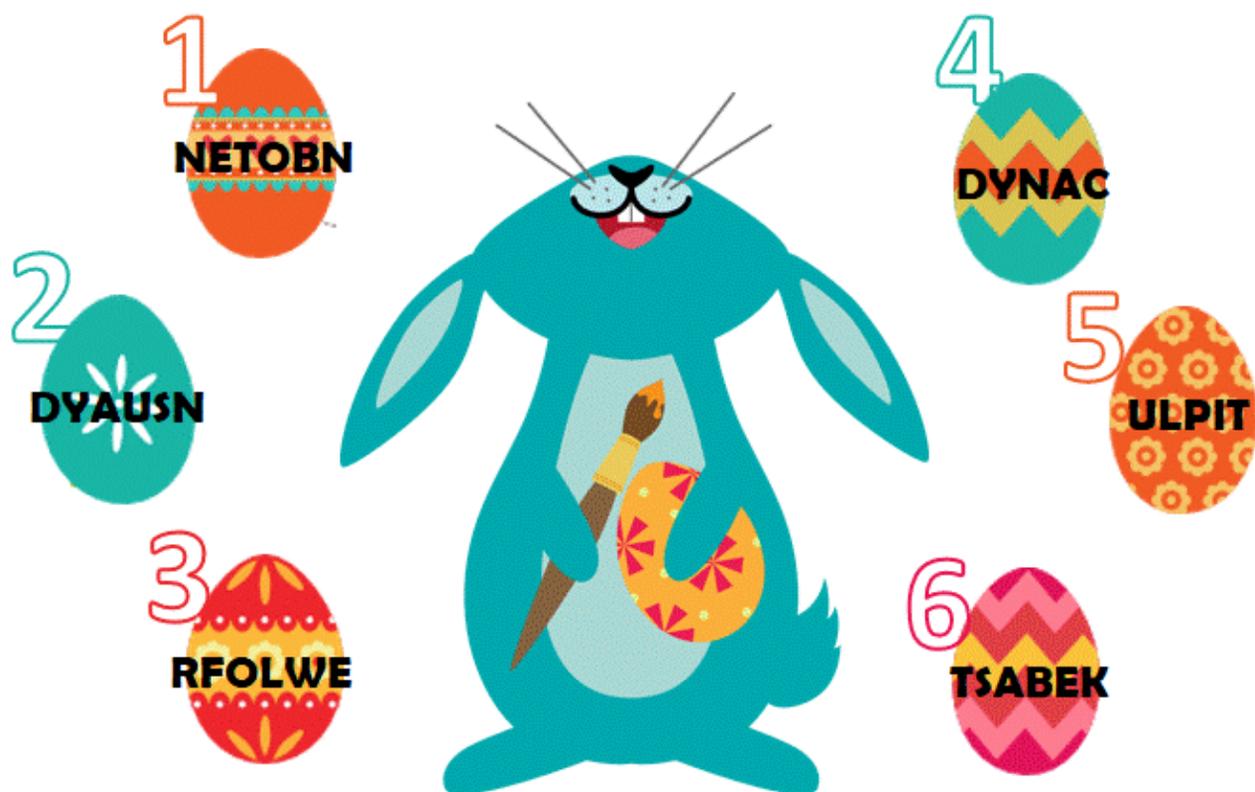
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- CALVARY
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- EARTHQUAKE
- EASTER
- GOLGOTHA
- HIGH PRIEST
- JESUS CHRIST
- JOSEPH
- JUDAS ISCARIOT
- KING
- LAMB

- MARY
- NAILS
- PASSOVER
- PIECES OF SILVER
- PIERCED
- PILATE
- RESURRECTION
- ROBE
- ROMANS
- SACRIFICE
- SIMON OF CYRENE
- SOLDIERS
- SON OF GOD
- SPEAR
- STONE
- TEMPLE
- THIEVES
- THREE DAYS
- TOMB

Happy Easter Word Scramble

The Easter Bunny decorated some of his eggs with words, but when he delivered them, they got a little scrambled. Can you unscramble the words and find the answer to his favorite riddle?



1. _ _ _ 1 2 _ _ _

2. _ _ _ 3 4 _ _ _ 5

3. 6 _ _ _ _ _ _

4. _ _ _ 7 _ _ 8

5. _ _ _ 9 _ _ _

6. 10 11 _ _ _ _ _

What do you call a rabbit who tells good jokes?

11

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Information and Directory



Private Prayer only
Maundy Thursday 10am-12pm
Good Friday 1pm-3pm

Regular Services will resume from
Easter Sunday at 10am

Sunday
10.00am Service with Holy Communion

Weekly Morning & Evening Prayer

Tuesdays	9.30am & 5.30pm
Wednesdays	9.30am & 5.30pm
Thursdays	10.30am & 5.30pm
Fridays	9.30am & 5.30pm

Holy Communion on Thursdays 10.30am

Directory and Contacts

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Lay Chaplains
Celia Brown
Shan Clark

Candidate in Discernment
Jonathan Esposito

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For information regarding
weddings, baptisms and
funerals, please get in touch
with Rev Julie Coleman.
Thank you.

Please check our website for full details
www.stjohnspg.org