

Services for April and May 2019

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- Sunday April 7th 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday April 14th 10am Palm Sunday & Holy Communion
Sunday April 21st 10am Easter Sunday & Holy Communion
Sunday April 28th 10am Morning Prayer
Sunday April 28th 6.30pm Holy Communion at The Rylands

Services for May 2019

- Sunday May 5th 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday May 12th 10am Holy Communion
Sunday May 18th 10am Holy Communion
Sunday May 25th 10am Morning Prayer

Holy Communion is celebrated every Thursday at 10am, Refreshments are served in church after this service and after the Sunday service, all are welcome to the services and to stay for refreshments. Take a look at the website www.fortonchurch.org.uk

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Happy Easter from All Saints Forton



Newsletter April and May 2019

Dear Friends,

“Always knew I could be an apostle;
knew I could make it if I tried.

Then when we retire, we can write the Gospels
so folk will talk about us when we’ve died.”

So sang the drunken disciples in “Jesus Christ Superstar”. Certainly, the Disciples had delusions of grandeur and self-importance, and Jesus often had to teach them about humility. But if they imagined that leadership in the Church would bring them cosy luxury, and power, then they had a very nasty shock coming, because it brought them scorn, mockery, suffering and frequently martyrdom. The Apostles would not have continued to preach the resurrection of Jesus if they knew it to be a lie or delusion, considering what it brought in its wake.

The Apostles believed in Jesus’ resurrection, not because they had read it in a book, but because they had actually seen and met him three days after they had witnessed his very public death. In one-way Jesus’s risen body wasn’t like ours because he could appear and disappear at will. These appearances put paid to the Jewish concept of resurrection which was of a resuscitation after death. Yet the risen Jesus wasn’t a ghost because he ate physical food with the Disciples and invited Thomas to touch him. This did away with the Greek idea of what happened after death.

If only a few people had seen Jesus after he had died then we might have thought that the appearances were merely hallucinations. Indeed, you do sometimes get a string of hallucinations as a sort of hysteria spreads. But St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians gives a long list of all the people who had seen the risen Jesus. And he then adds that many of them were still alive at the time of his writing, so his readers could ask them about their experiences themselves. There are very few historical events which have so many reliable witnesses as the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus is not only about his eternal life, it is also about ours. It assures us that death is not the end of everything; that there is an existence beyond this world; that one day we will be

reunited with those who have gone before us; that love is stronger than death and that love never ends. Always remember the words of Jesus to his disciples (which includes us now) “Because I live you will live too”.

May the risen and living Jesus bless you at Easter and always.

Your Priest and Friend,
Edward Ward.

Flowers in the church yard. As we start to cut the grass in the churchyard it would be appreciated if floral tributes could be placed on the headstone surround and not on the grass – thank you.

Church Yard Tidy. The Church yard tidy will be on Saturday 6th April commencing at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Please bring garden tools and especially strimmers.

Easter Services. As well as the usual Sunday services during Easter there will be a service on Maundy Thursday 18th April at 10am and on Good Friday 19th April at 6.30pm.

Decorating the church for Easter will be on 20th April from 9.30am anyone who has spring flowers and greenery which we can use would be appreciated.

Annual Church Parochial Meeting The annual meeting will be held on the 28th April following the morning service in church. Coffee will be served after the service and the meeting will commence at 11am. A review of the year will be given, Church Wardens, Officers, and member of the PCC will be elected, the accounts will be submitted. Nomination forms for Officers etc will be at the back of the church.

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust The annual meeting will be at Hopton Wafers Church on 28th May at 2.30 followed by afternoon tea at Hopton Court by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Christopher Woodward. A list of events is at the back of the church if you wish to attend any would you please let me know.

Due to ill health our church warden Janet is not standing for re- election at the ACPM meeting. We owe Janet a big thank you for all her work and dedication to the life at All Saints.

