

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH FORTON

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March and April Newsletter



**Everyone is welcome to join us at our services**

**Sunday Services for March and April**

**19<sup>th</sup> March** A family service for Mother's Day will be taken by Rev. James Graham

**26<sup>th</sup> March** Morning Prayer 10am

**2nd April** Palm Sunday Evening Prayer a Special Evensong will be held 6.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> April** Maundy Thursday Communion will be held at 10.30am

**7<sup>th</sup> April** Good Friday the Last Hour 2 – 3pm

**9<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Sunday Holy Communion 10am

**16<sup>th</sup> April** Holy Communion 10am

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** Morning Prayer 10am

**30<sup>th</sup> April** Holy Communion 10am

**There will be a said Service of Holy Communion every Thursday at 10.30am during Lent.**

**Refreshments are served after all the morning services**

Dear Friends,

“Always knew I could be an apostle;

Knew that 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 dang the tipsy disciples in “Jesus Christ Superstar”. Certainly, the Disciples had delusions of grandeur and greatness, and Jesus often had to teach them about humility. But if they imagined that leadership in the Church would bring them cosy luxury, then they had a nasty shock coming, because it brought them scorn, mockery, suffering and often martyrdom. They preached about the

resurrection of Jesus and if they knew that it to be a lie or a delusion then they would not have continued to do so, considering what it brought in its wake.

The Apostles believed in the resurrection of Jesus not because they had heard about it in a book, but because they had actually seen and met him after they had witnessed his death upon the cross and his burial. In one way Jesus's risen body wasn't like ours because he could appear and disappear at will, which put paid to the Jewish concept of the resurrection, which was of a resuscitation after death. Nor was the risen Jesus a ghost because he ate with the disciples and invited doubting 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, we might regard the appearances as hallucinations. But St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians gives a long list of people who had seen the risen Jesus, and he also adds that many of those were still alive, and so his readers could go and ask them for themselves.

The resurrections of Jesus which we celebrate on Easter Day, is not just 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 all 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 (and includes us now) "Because I live, you will live also."

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

Your priest and friend,

Edward Ward.

### **From the Register**

We send our condolences to the families of Christine Roberts, Ian Tomkinson and Phyllis Strachan.

**APCM**                    This will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April in church after the 10am morning service.

### **Sunday Services in May 2023**

6 <sup>th</sup> May	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	10.00am
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Holy Communion	10.00am
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Prayer	10.00am

Enquiries for weddings, funerals and baptism to Preb Edward Ward 01952 814886