
Weekly News

A scripture to ponder:-

Jesus Christ...
*there is salvation in no-one else,
for there is no other name under heaven
given among men
by which we must be saved.'*

From Acts 4 v 10 & 12

This coming Sunday...

SUNDAY April 21st

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4 v 5-12

1 John 3 v 16 - end

John 10 v 11-18

8 am HOLY COMMUNION with SB

9 am CROISSANT BREAKFAST in the church Centre. All welcome! Thank you, Zoe and Pam ,who will be kindly providing this.

10 am HOLY COMMUNION with SB

This will be the third Sunday when the sermon is to be part of a series on Mission.

What's on this week...

MONDAY 22nd

9 – 11 am LITTLE FISHES our Community Toddler group for pre schoolers, babies and their mothers or other carers. This hit the ground running after the Easter break, with a good number of families (30 infants) – including one brand new 7 day old baby!

With the numbers we are having these days, it is quite a busy morning for the volunteers serving drinks and snacks to the families, as well as generally running things. If there were any people who felt called to join the small team to help, please have a chat with Jill or Daphne.

Monday Evening Zoom Prayers 7.30 – 8.15 pm

Click on:-

[Zoom Meeting](#)

or cut and paste <https://tinyurl.com/5ba4bp9p>
Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtP JV6

WEDNESDAY 24th

Morning Prayer 9 am in the church.

Looking Ahead...

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Cleaning

Since Bob and Cynthia have left, and Lyn has now gone to be with the Lord Jesus, there are vacancies for another couple or more of willing volunteers to join the cleaning rota for the church. Please see Bob and Donna if you'd like to know more. It usually involves about two rotations a year over a fortnight.

Croissant Breakfast

Nigel who has been a faithful provider of Croissant Breakfasts once a month for some years now, remains unwell, and is not able to do this now. Zoë has been filling the gap, but would like help. If you would like to help or to take this over, please see Zoë Skinner.

Coffees

Likewise, I am reliably informed that we need more hands on deck for serving coffees on Sunday mornings. There has been a suggestion made to the PCC that we might also trial serving coffees between the 8 and 10 o'clock services – like the Croissant Breakfast – so that could bring the two congregations together more often, as well as providing coffee for both. This would mean the 8 o'clock congregation would also be well placed to help serve too, if anyone felt able? Please see Jill Hewitt if you think you might be able to help, either with the current arrangements after the 10 am services, or in the event of the trial changes.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

This month's charity is The Quicken Trust, transforming lives in Kabbubu, Uganda, of which Lyn Elliot was our champion. This was a cause very dear to Alan and Lyn's heart – they even visited Kabbubu, along with a few others from St John's, some years back, and spent many years supporting a sponsored child with his family and following his education plans with a great personal interest. The work of The Quicken Trust is wrapped around the love of Christ and His heart for the poor, broken and dispossessed, to see them grow and flourish. If you'd like to know more – see the website:

Quickentrust.com

CHURCH IN SCHOOL

St James' Church in Emsworth, has a programme for supporting Collective Worship (I think it used to be called 'School Assembly?') in their local school of St James, Emsworth. They have very kindly offered to help us out by taking the same programme into our own St John's Primary School, starting next week. Our Churchwarden hopes to be in attendance too.

Prayer



Please continue to pray in particular for Lyn Elliott's family, and especially Alan. Lyn's funeral had to be postponed due to an unexpected hospital admission for Alan the day before the funeral was planned.

Nigel, Anne Mitchell and Bob Field are others in our church family who continue to need our prayers for their ongoing health issues.

Please continue to pray for Little Fishes, and all the families who attend, that they may be blessed.

Pray for the PCC as they continue to work on the Parish Profile, and Mission Action Plan preparatory to looking for a replacement minister.

Pray for the Ugandan people and the charity workers in Kabbuba, who form part of The Quicken Trust.

Please pray too for our local primary school, our ongoing links with the school, and that they may be blessed by St James' input.

Praise God for all his blessings! Especially just now all the spring blossoms, bluebells, many other flowers, with increased sunshine and longer days of the season!

Useful Contacts

[Contact us here](#)

NB The Office will be closed this week for Gill's holiday.

Please send any NEWS for NEXT WEEK to daphneyoungs@gmail.com or phone 023 9241 2964 by Wednesday please.

Daphne