

# CHURCH NOTICES

Our monthly Bereavement Support Group meeting in the Lounge offers a gentle time with a small group of folk who have a shared experience, with chat over a cuppa and cake for about an hour. If you feel you would like to join, please just turn up or have a word with Ann S, or Lynne H or John R.

Do come for  
Toast, juice and  
tea or coffee at  
9am - 9.45  
**promptly** in the  
Lounge each  
first Friday of  
the month.



(before the Coffee & Cake)  
Our purpose is to bring to our Lord in prayer our heartfelt needs at All Saints, in His kingdom and the faith of Christians around us and in the world today.

# All Saints Church

BULLETIN for APRIL 2024

*Since God so loved us,  
we also should love  
one another.*  
1 John 4:11



## The ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING on April 28th will last for no more than an hour

and is when elections for Wardens and Church Council members take place. Nominations are being accepted - see notice in Welcome Area.  
( 6 PCC vacancies including assistant treasurer and 2 assistant wardens )

We will hear of what has been happening over the past 12 months and plans for the year ahead, along with a report on the church's finances.

ALL are invited to attend, but only those on the Electoral Roll may vote. If you are not sure if you are on the E.R. please see Carol Hosker or check the list in the Welcome Area.

The meeting will be preceded by Coffee/Tea  
In church after the Morning Worship.

## CRUISE & DINE

on narrowboat DOLLY  
Up to 15 people are invited to sign up to a half-day trip along the canal with the Lloyds, early in May. Lunch or Evening Meal will be in 3 groups.  
Suggested cost : £15  
Proceeds to Kanzi Kibera



I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me.

Phil. 4:13

With prayerful best wishes for 2024 from the leadership team

## SUNDAY SERVICES

April 7th 10am Holy Communion (Canon Roger Wikeley)  
April 14th 10am Morning Worship  
April 21st 10am Holy Communion (Canon Rod Garner)  
April 28th 10am Morning Worship  
followed by Annual Church Meeting

## WEDNESDAYs –

9:30am Holy Communion (BCP) In the Lounge

## Dear Friends

Getting to Easter.

Holy Week and Easter was, from start to finish, a time of confusion, uncertainty, fear - and wonder. Jesus, we read, "set his face for Jerusalem" (Lk 18:31) sensing what for him, the consequences, could be. I see a parallel with Alexei Navalny (the man who dared to oppose President Putin) returning to Russia knowing what could - and did - befall him there. Navalny's story, for me, makes Jesus' story more real; more than just a story.

And so, for us, Holy Week is more than just a story; it is real, frightening, confusing and - glorious. We see confusion and celebration; despair, anxiety and uncertainty. We see, unknowing and wondering. I hope none of us reads it without reflection; without daring to ask ourselves, "where am I in that story?"

It is impossible for us, so many centuries later, to begin to imagine the trauma for the disciples, of those few days in Jerusalem. It was alright as long as Jesus was with them, but then,,,,,,? But then he wasn't with them - he was on the cross, dead. But then he was with them - again - and they couldn't explain it. The women who got to the tomb first "were amazed, and perplexed; we read of men "in dazzling clothes"; fear and perplexity reigned - it was all beyond their imagining - as it is beyond ours. It is the story of Holy Week and Easter.

*Roger Wikeley*

***ALLELUIA! Christ is RISEN! He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!***

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**N.B. The ministry team** are always available to offer private prayer, particularly in cases of illness or times of distress.

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## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Thur.4th 2pm Bereavement Support Group (lounge)  
Fri. 5th 9 - 9.45am Prayer Breakfast (lounge) (P.T.O.)  
Fri. 5th 10-11.30am Monthly Coffee & Cake (lounge)  
Tue.16th 2p.m. P.C.C. (lounge)  
Sun.28th 11am in Church - Annual Parochial Church Meeting P.T.O.



**'Twenty four more for 2024'** - Do think and pray for those YOU might bring to our events and church services



## **Prayer Points**

Pray for King Charles III and his medical treatment; also Queen Camilla and other members of the royal family; may God grant them wisdom & strength.

Pray for our Prime Minister and government as they seek solutions for peace in the Ukraine and other places, and how to deal with the cost of living crisis.

Pray for our CMS Mission Partners, Marc, Helen & young family in North Africa, living and working very close to the autumn earthquake disaster area; also for the Wilson family in Ethiopia. Pray for political peace around them.

Remember, too, the work of Kanzi Kibera Friends in Nairobi's slum schools and community.

Remember those amongst our families and friends recovering from recent sickness or undergoing surgery or long-term treatment.. Also pray for NHS staff working under pressure.

Pray for those who are housebound and their carers, and those being cared for in residential homes. Reach out in kindness to neighbours and those living on their own.

Pray for recently bereaved families and friends as they face a future without their loved ones.

Lift to the Lord our church leadership as they seek God's plan for the way forward for the Church during the Interregnum, seeking to support the congregation at present and develop opportunities for mission; and for more church members to take up active responsibilities and serve on the Church Council. *(Lots of extra little jobs need willing hands.... speak to the Wardens and join the crew!)*