

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Young Alice, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Mandy Daly, Win Dennis, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Jeffrey Ginn, Peter Haslett, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Rita Jepson, Margaret Keech, Victoria Martin, Christopher Palmer, Susan Pearson, Doreen Shayler, Barbara Simpson, Darren Smith, Peggy Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Tony Swain, Lance Therildsen, Nick Timms, Clare Walker, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

We endeavour to keep this list up-to-date; if you have any questions, please speak to Dominic, Beverley, Liz or one of the readers.

The years mind: April

26th Ethel Chapman, Charles Dillingham, Neil Shayler
27th
28th Arthur Cole, Edna Ferris, Lewis Stickler
29th Archibald Jacques, Philip Read
30th Anne Aynsley, Margaret Fuller, Hilda Grange, Yvonne Short
May 1st Fanny Barton, Joseph Farmer, Philip Harkin-Wynne
2nd Lucy Preston, Lily Slaughter, Gladys Smith

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY Has resumed. It is Wednesdays at 7pm. If you would like to join us contact David Young on 01525 404947 or dryoung1@btinternet.com Each meeting is independent and you can join as many, or as few, as suits you.

DIOCESE JOB VACANCY The Diocese of St Albans is advertising for a part-time Assistant Communications Officer to work at Holywell Lodge, St Albans. Further details can be found on the diocesan website.

DoE COLLECTION The retiring collection at the special service to commemorate the life of Prince Philip raised £158.50. This has been given to Redborne School to support their delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Thank you.

CHOIR In discussion with Chris we are hopeful that choir practice can resume on Friday 21st May. Social distancing for singers will more than likely still be in place, so it may be that only a few choir members can sing to begin with. Following on from the joy of our Easter Day celebrations we look forward to this date which will hopefully mark another point in our return to 'normality'. Dominic.

ST ANDREW'S | AMPTHILL

WITH ST MICHAEL'S, MILLBROOK, AND ST LAWRENCE'S, STEPPINGLEY

Welcome to this house of God; may you find peace and joy here.

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 25th April	Easter 4
8.00am Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill <i>Celebrant: David Payne</i>
9.30am Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill <i>Celebrant: Grant Fellows</i>
Hymns: 361 – <i>For the healing of the nations</i> ; 426 – <i>The Lord's my Shepherd</i> ; 162 – <i>Jesu were'er thy people meet</i> .	
Organ Music: <i>Short Prelude and Fugue 1 – Bach</i>	
11.15am Morning Prayers	St Michael's, Millbrook
11.15am Morning Praise	St Lawrence's, Steppingley

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 26 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 27 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 29 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.15am	Said Eucharist
Friday 30 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Toddle Toes

Morning Prayer and the Said Eucharist (on Thursdays) take place at St Andrew's, Ampthill.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd May	Easter 5
8.00am Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill <i>Celebrant: Archdeacon Dave</i>
9.30am Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill <i>Celebrant: Archdeacon Dave</i>
11.15am Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook <i>Celebrant: Archdeacon Dave</i>
11.15am Morning Praise	St Lawrence's, Steppingley

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁵The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 4: 5-12

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the First Letter of John

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn

us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 3: 16-end

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 10: 11-18

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.