**Welcome to St Mary’s Church**

**If Christ had not risen………our faith would be in vain.** So writes St Paul (1 Cor 15.12-15).

Without the resurrection Jesus would have been just one more good man, with wise words

for the betterment of our earthly lives. But Jesus Christ did rise from the dead as He had

promised He would, and the fulfilment of that promise confirms His Divine authority over

death and life eternal. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. **Alleluia!**.

**Sunday 20 April eWorship** led by the Rev Chris Shore. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77069771747?pwd=8zXgqyTdhznHSNZNLP2MsgE8LfoHmb.1>

**Meeting ID: 770 6977 1747 Passcode: 3tKy63**

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**Sunday 27 April eWorship** led by the E Team

Topic: Trevor Ward's Zoom Evening Worship. 6.30pm.

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting 27th April

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5906920741?pwd=dTJIdDBHV2REZFNlc0hLeEhLRGdlQT09>

Meeting ID: 590 692 0741

Passcode: 676561

Thank you for everyone who has been involved in our services over the Lent and Easter. It has been great to hear some new voices leading reflections and prayers. This was the first time that we have heard Tracey Page, and David Peacock deliver Reflections and Davina leading prayers, we have been greatly blessed by them. Thanks too to Gillian for the Easter Garden workshop.

**FUTURE SERVICES**

**Sunday 27 April**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Parish Communion with Baptism

18.30 Zoom eWorship

Open Space hosted by Free Church at 3pm

**Sunday 4th May**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Parish Communion

**Followed by Annual Meeting**

18.30 Zoom eWorship

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Open Space** with fun activities and reflection on the theme of Easter is taking place at the **Free Church** at **3pm on 27 April.** Please join us in the garden behind **Cara Café.**

**The Funeral of Colin Norman (RIP)** will take place **Monday 28 April at 12 Noon at Cam Valley Crematorium.** We remember Shirley, Mark, Matthew and Dan and all Colin’s family and friends in our prayers.

**The Pilgrim Group** will meet again on **28 April at 2pm** in the **Vicarage.** We will finish the last part of the study course on ‘The Sacraments’ written by Jane Williams. The theme is, ‘Sacraments as a pledge of the Holy Spirit’. In this session we will be exploring how the Holy Spirit makes ordinary elements into something that carries the presence and action of God. Do come and join us. It doesn’t matter if you haven’t been before,

The next **Quiet Time in Church** will be on **Tuesday 29 April at 6pm.** We meet in St Mary’s. This is a calm, time of reflection, prayer, and music. There is a guided meditation.

**Wedding of Stuart Woodhead and Helen Wells on Wednesday 30 April 2025 11.30am in St Mary’s Church**

Our **Monthly Coffee Morning** will take place on **Saturday 3 May 10.30am -12pm.** In the **Community Room.** Open Space 27 April 2025 Free Church

Please don’t forget to come to our **Annual Meeting** following the 10am service **on 4 May.** This is a time to thank those who have worked so hard for our church over the past year and to elect the Church Wardens for the coming year. We will also reflect on plans and vision for the future.

**Cambridge Christian Aid Service   Sunday 18th May**. This year’s Cambridge Christian Aid ecumenical Service will now take place on **Sunday 18th May** at 2.30 pm. at **Great St. Mary’s Church in central Cambridge.** We are delighted that **Dr. Rowan Williams** will be preaching at this service. Other members of the CA leadership team will be attending, so we hope for a really good congregation. Please put it in the diary now and come along if you can.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Christian Aid:** Many thanks to all who gave generously to the Christian Aid Myanmar Disaster Appeal at our Lenten Lunch, Coffee Morning and our Sunday services. The amount raised was £247, with a further £25 which will come from Gift Aid. *David Peacock.*

If you think that there is information that should be in this Newsletter, please send it to **Church Administrator** by **2pm on Tuesdays.** Ms Julie Hughes administrator@stmarysgreatshelford.org Julie H can be contacted by phone on Monday 2pm - 5.30pm. Mobile 07731 615407.

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