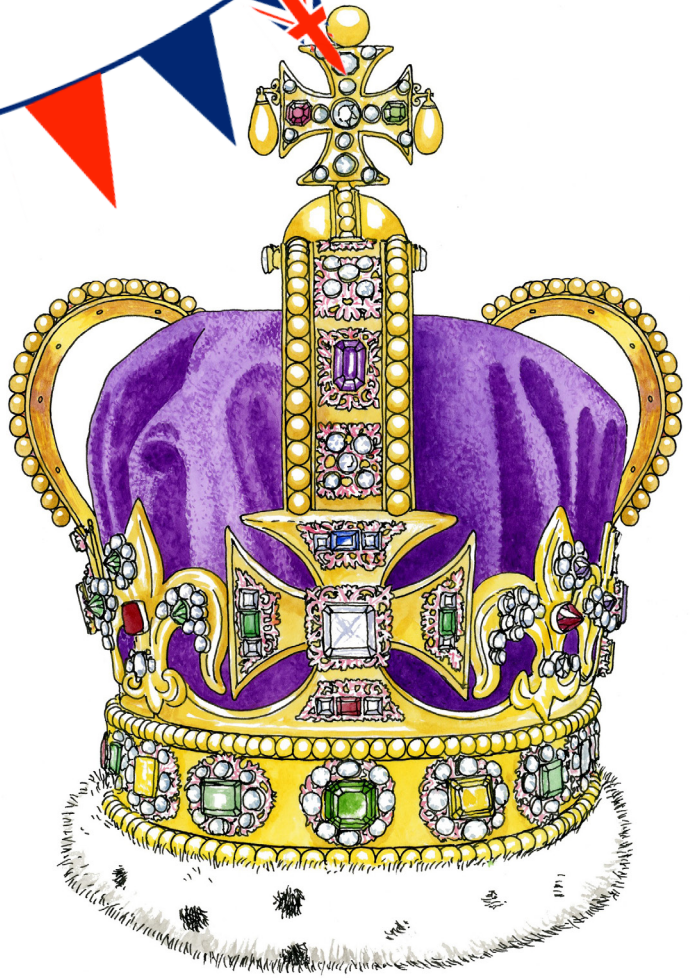


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From the Vicar

Dear Friends,

A coronation is a very rare event. Only a small minority of the UK population will be old enough to remember the last one 70 years ago. Queen Elizabeth's reign was longer than any other British monarch, the shortest being just 7 months and 7 days back in 1016AD.



In 1953, with television still something of a rarity, people gathered in each other's homes to watch the three hour Coronation live in black and white. During the course of the late Queen's reign living standards have risen considerably and what might have been considered a luxury in 1953 is almost taken for granted now. This time almost everyone has their own TV screen and will be able to watch the event in glorious colour and in the comfort of their own homes.

The scarcity of televisions for the Queen's Coronation brought people together and there was a great sense of community. We may have much more now in 2023, but we are in danger of losing the special nature of coming together which an occasion like the Coronation can foster. To this end, therefore, we will be showing the Coronation live on the big screen in church as it happens. The service will begin at 11.00am and we will print the hymns so that we can take part in the event

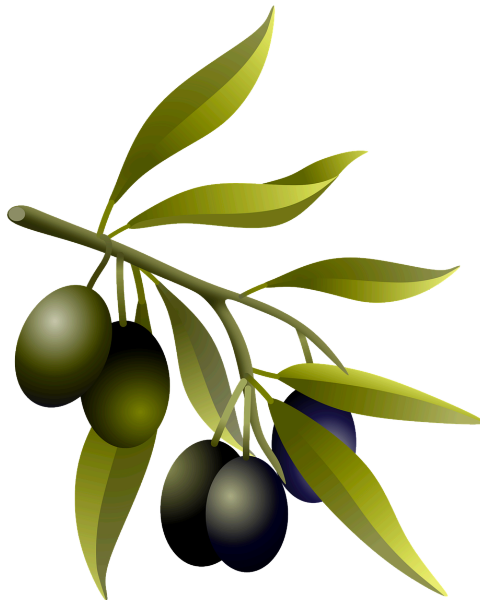
ourselves.

Lots of other celebrations will be taking place around the weekend of the Coronation and indeed in and around the church once the service itself is over. Church is one of the few places where community is at the heart of what we do. It is a place where we come together in good times and bad; it is a place where memories are made and where we encounter the living God. The Coronation is a profoundly sacred occasion, God is at the heart of the service, and interestingly the new King will be anointed with holy oil that was made from olives harvested on the mount of Olives in the grounds of the monastery of Mary Magdalene.

So watching together in the church of St Mary Magdalene will be a very special opportunity to watch history in the making and enjoy the benefits of being in community with one another.

See you there,

William



The Coronation of King Charles III

On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence - to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about 'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'



For God's wisdom - as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: 'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.' (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love - to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose - to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: 'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Editor: By Canon Paul Hardingham



Robin & Carol's Annual Quiz went to the Circus!

On Thursday 20th April the church was bedecked in ribbons and filled with tables of 6. Tickets for the quiz had proved so popular this year that the Octagon was not big enough for everyone.

There were cold meats, quiches and salads to start followed by a 5 rounds of questions all with a Circus related name such as 'Billy Smarts' for the general knowledge round, and 'Media Circus' for the TV and film round. Then a much needed break for puddings! A raffle and 5 further rounds finished the quiz off in style. The winning team (Neil Buxton and family) were each presented with a commemorative tin for the King's Coronation filled with yummy shortbread, and the runners up (Rev William's team) had some Smarties. The team that came in last were each given a toothbrush so that they could 'brush up' on their general knowledge.



The aim of the quiz is to give everyone a fun time whilst raising money for charity. We succeeded on both counts and all proceeds have gone to charity. We have sent £350 each to The Myton Hospices and Motor Neurone Disease Association. The remaining £145 was donated to the church as part of our fundraising efforts. No plans for next year, although we have had some offers of help. So if you like good food, good company and a bit of a quiz, watch out for next year's extravaganza!



THE
CORONATION
KING CHARLES
III
2023

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Lillington

Saturday 6th May 2023
10.30am to 3.00pm

Streaming of the Coronation live in Church
Coronation service begins at 11am

Ring for the King
by the bell ringers

Children's Craft activities

Photo opportunity!
A chance to dress up and have your photo taken on
our 'Royal Throne'. Princesses, Kings, even
Spiderman welcome, so get out your fancy clothes

Bring & Share Lunch
If you are able there is a list of suggested buffet items
in the church for us to share together

ALL ARE WELCOME!





Spring Concert

**LILLINGTON PARISH CHURCH
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Saturday 13th May 2023, 7.30pm

Karma Aston – soprano

Paul Monks – saxophone

Michael King – organ

Interval with cheese and wine

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Malawi appeal



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What's Happening

**Saturday 6th
May
10.30am**



**Celebrating the Coronation of
King Charles III
Live TV on screen followed by a
Bring and Share lunch**

**Saturday 13th
May**

NO COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 20th
May
6.00pm**

Film Evening in church

**Saturday 10th
June
10.30am**

Coffee morning with Plant sale

**Saturday 17th
June
6.00pm**

Film evening in church



Vestments

When the old stone altar was removed in 2010 a wooden altar was found inside and this is the one that we use today. For Easter we used the Mary Magdalene tapestry as an altar frontal.



Normally we use one of the 4 different altar frontals that were made to measure. This was done because the old altar frontals were no longer suitable for the 'new' altar.

Altar frontals and vestments are made of materials like silk which need to be cared for and stored correctly. We do not have the space or the right conditions to store them and so the PCC decided that we should look for new homes. Just before Easter five parcels were sent to the following churches:

St Marks Regent Park, London



The picture shows the Cream Altar frontal at their Altar of Repose for Holy Week. They also received a Red Cope - a full-length cloak formed from a semicircular piece of cloth, it is open at the front and is fastened at the breast by hooks or a brooch.

Holy Trinity Church, Wilnecote, Tamworth

Rev Oliver Harrison visited our church to collect the Red Altar Frontal. He loved our current altar and was impressed with our audio visual equipment.



Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest

A very poor Parish although in the past Queen Marie of Romania, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, had been a regular attendee and patron.

Rev Nevsky Everett said “Melanie arrived in Bucharest yesterday with the green altar frontal, and I am writing to thank you again. The picture didn’t do it justice! It is exceptionally beautiful and has been clearly very well cared for. We are a while off being able to use it in Ordinary time, but with the floral motifs I think I will also use it for our Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. I will try and send pictures. I also hadn’t clocked the MM, for Mary Magdalene, which is a delightful connection for us at the Church of the Resurrection, to which she was the first witness! It means a lot to our community who could not otherwise afford such exceptional pieces to enrich our worship.

St. John the Baptist, Barnet, Hertfordshire



A Blue and Cream Cope, a Red Cope and a Red and Gold Chasuble (pictured left) were sent to Fr. Sam Rossiter-Peters. He said that these would be extremely useful to their ministry and would be used very frequently.

Holy Cross Church, Upper Langwith With Langwith Bassett

Rev Jo Launders-Brown is setting up a new worshipping Church community in a village where the church had been sold. They received a white and blue chasuble (pictured opposite) and the matching blue altar frontal. Jo said, “We are really pleased with all the items. It’s a shame about letting these items go from your church. Please be rest assured that they will remain loved and cared for.”



All of the vestments would have deteriorated and eventually been of no use if we had kept them. If we hadn’t found homes for them they would have gone to landfill. To find churches that will use and appreciate them has been amazing and the donations we have received which were a bonus!

Carol Innes, Chair of Fabric committee

Where did Jesus go at the Ascension?

In Salvador Dali's picture of Jesus' ascension all you can see are his feet! As we celebrate the event this month, it prompts the question 'where did Jesus go?' Peter says Jesus 'has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). However, the New Testament tells us three things about what Jesus is doing at the Father's side.

At Pentecost Peter said that Jesus is 'exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand'" (Acts 2: 33-4). Peter is affirming Jesus' position of authority and power at the heart of the universe. By pouring out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the life of heaven ie eternal life, forgiveness, healing, release and God's provision for our lives.



When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death by the Jewish authorities he points out, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' (Acts 7:56). Our experience of heaven is only ever partial, as we live with the reality of suffering and setbacks. However, Jesus is still on the throne! We are called to trust him daily.

The Bible also tells us that 'Christ Jesus who died....is interceding for us.' (Romans 8:34, cf Hebrews 7:25). Even when we don't know how to pray, we have the assurance that

Jesus is already praying for us! He knows our needs even better than we do ourselves, so when we feel condemned or defeated in our Christian lives, we have somebody on our side!

The Ascension reminds us that the risen Jesus lives in the immediate presence of God, and both transcends and embraces our present experience. This truth lies at the heart of the up language used to describe the event.

‘Heaven relates to earth tangentially so that the One who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth: the ascension therefore means that Jesus is available, accessible, without people having to travel to a particular spot on the earth to find Him.’ (Tom Wright).

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Charity of the month

Each year our church donates 10% of its income to charities. The Charity Committee decide on 12 Charities, one for each month of the year.

May's charity of the month is...



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hospice

The Myton Hospices charity believes that everyone matters for every single moment of their life. It is a charity which focuses on the time people have left; enhancing life when cure is no longer an option. The Myton Hospices charity supports people living with a terminal illness and their families, from the point of diagnosis to end of life.

Join Us Online!

Did you know you can attend our church services online?

If you are unable to join us in-person due to illness, caring or travel, you can still join our weekly services. You can join us live if you are at home, or catch up later if you're otherwise engaged.

You can participate from anywhere in the world and from any time zone. We have regular virtual congregation members from Australia and Germany among others!

We stream our Sunday morning service live at 9.30am and our Wednesday morning service live at 10am. There are booklets on our website so you can follow the service.



You can join us via our website:
www.lillingtonparishchurch.org/streaming
or follow us on Twitch:
www.twitch.tv/lillington_parish_church



Do give it a go - you may be at home but you will feel like you are with us in person and we welcome your participation.

Diana Taulbut



Mission and Outreach

For this second piece about how our church impacts the lives of its community, I'm happy to be talking about schools and education. In showing you what goes on behind the scenes this time, we'll find out about our links with local

schools and how we and others in our community benefit from this



We are lucky enough to have several excellent schools in our

area, and each year pupils and staff from Lillington Primary and Telford Junior Schools come and visit the church. In 'Looking at Lillington', pupils use St Mary Mag's as a hub for finding out more about their local area, as well as exploring our church and some aspects of Christian teaching.

From 14th to 16th March, Year 3 pupils from both schools came through our church's doors and were helped by our outstanding team of volunteers to learn about: Christenings; local history; the importance of Remembrance; 'Shining your Light', and Communion. The children were beautifully behaved as ever and very appreciative of the welcome they got. Here are some of their comments:

'I enjoyed 'history of Lillington'. I have learned in the past

there were more fields than houses.’

‘I enjoyed learning about the poppies – I found out when World War I started and ended.’

Baptism was a popular activity as pupils got to act out the ceremony, with one pupil commenting, ‘I have enjoyed learning about Jesus and heaven.’

In addition to this successful annual event, Lillington and Telford pupils also attend church

services at St Mary Mag’s several times a year, coordinated and led by William and Roderick Clark.



A big THANK YOU to all of our school link volunteers!

If you know of someone in our church community who is making a real, positive difference to other people’s lives, we’d like to hear about it. Please contact me at sazzysnatt7@icloud.com or editor Alex_crosstalkeditor@gmail.com.

Sara Snatt

Walkers' Group

A country walk on April 1st after recent weather might seem to be chancing fate, especially since an attempt to pre-walk the route the day before had met with heavy rain, but the day itself

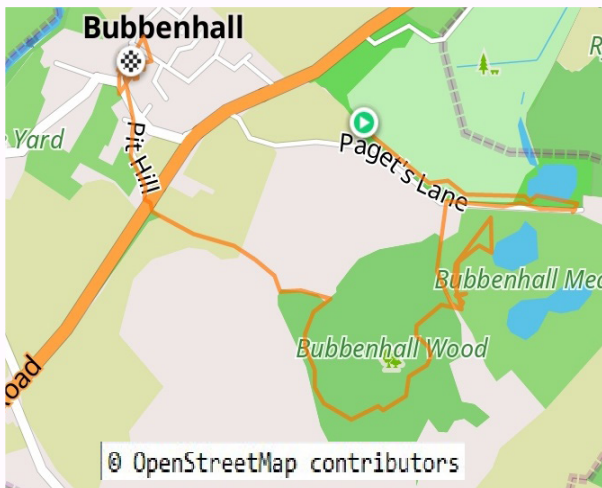
for once was dry, and it was a hardy group of ten that set out from the Malt Shovel in Bubbenhall. Crossing the A445 we found that the broad path skirting Ryton Pools



and running parallel to Paget's Lane offered welcome firm footing, that is until we reached the junction with

Bubbenhall

Meadow. Here our luck ran out, though fortunately we were advised about unpassable areas ahead by a friendly dogwalker and decided to reach the wood by another route, one that allowed partial access



to the meadow, where a bird-hide offered the chance of a refreshment break, a photo-shoot, access to a host of cowslips and the sighting of a red kite. Once in the wood itself we were on more solid ground and a circuit, with primroses beginning their display, showed spring on its way, while a shortcut led by Bob Cooke, took us back to the pub and a hearty lunch.

Stanley Ireland

Join us for the May Walk!

Saturday 13th May, 9:30am

Please meet at the Church for a walk of about 4 miles.

We will visit Eathorpe & Wappenbury and return to the

Rugby Tavern for lunch.

New walkers are very welcome to join us!

Thelma Dawkes



GREEN TIP!

Protect your seedlings from frost, slugs and mice. Make mini greenhouses from clear plastic bottles: remove the screw top, cut off the base and push the sawn-off bottle over the seedling and into the soil.

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Lecture programme

This year's programme spans some six centuries, from the Flemish Renaissance landscapes of Pieter Bruegel to the contemporary designs of Thomas Heatherwick and the role of the arts in progressive programmes of rehabilitation and education within the Criminal Justice System. The lecture on Paul Cezanne is timed to coincide with the exhibition of his work at Tate Modern, and that on Joaquin Sorolla to coincide with an exhibition of Spanish art at the Royal Academy. Lucy Kemp-Welch painted many people's favourite painting in Leamington Museum and Art Gallery: if you're not familiar with *Winter's White Silence* then do go to see it before it goes 'on tour' in a forthcoming exhibition of her work in Bournemouth.

Our lectures are held at the Royal Spa Centre, Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa CV32 4HN at 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Coming up...

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Lucy Kemp-Welch: Painter of Horses

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Leni Riefentahl: Hitler's Filmmaker

Colour me in!



...by faith we might
receive the promise of the Spirit

Galatians 3:14

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Church**



Sudoku

Make a cuppa, sit down and have a go at this 'medium' difficulty sudoku!

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Bishop protests about election law changes

A senior Church of England bishop has raised serious concerns about new election laws that he believes could adversely impact “the poorest and the most marginalised.”

The Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith, has spoken out against new regulations that mean voters will have to bring photo ID with them when they come to the polling stations. The new rules come into force at local elections in May.



Bishop Smith, who convenes the CofE bishops sitting in the UK’s House of Lords, said: “All the evidence suggests that this is likely adversely to affect the poorest and the most marginalised.

“If you’re struggling to make ends meet, and you’re working long hours, to have to go and get another form of identity if you haven’t got one readily at hand...it’s much more likely to mean that people may say, ‘It’s just too difficult.’

“We already have a problem getting people out to the ballot boxes, so why make it more difficult?”

The controversial new rules were introduced in response to allegations of voter fraud, but figures released by the

Electoral Commission show low levels of proven fraud across all types of elections.

Bishop Smith said: “We’re asking 47 million people to have to go through extra hoops for what is a pretty minor problem.”

In response to the change in election law, the bishop is encouraging all churches to publicise the change so that people are not caught out at the polling stations.

He said: “I would encourage people, if it’s possible, to put up a poster, raise it with people – we want to encourage people to engage in the democratic process.

“That’s what healthy democracies do – we want to actively try and get as many citizens as possible thinking about how society can best serve and care for people, but particularly look out for the people who are struggling for various reasons.”



"Finally, we're still waiting for someone from last week's Parent & Toddler Group to come and claim this lost property..."

Cook With Crosstalk

COOK

The 
VICTORY
Programme

RECIPE 6: CHICKEN & VEGGIE CURRY SERVES: 4, TIME: 50 MINUTES

YOU WILL NEED:

Chopping Board
Knife for chopping
Peeler
Large Pan
Measuring Jug

Wooden Spoon
Tin Opener
Measuring Spoons
Kettle

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp Olive Oil/Fry Light Spray (s)
4 x Boneless Skinless Chicken (Thighs or
Breasts) cut into ½ inch pieces
1 Onion/Leek
1 Broccoli
1 x Cauliflower

2 Carrots
3 x tbsp Tomato Puree
3 x tbsp Mayflower Curry Powder
100ml Chicken Stock
½ tsp Garlic Granules

METHOD:

1. Heat the oil in the pan and cook the onion & carrots for 15mins - pan lid on. Stir occasionally until the vegetables are softened and lightly coloured.
2. Add in the chicken and allow this to cook until slightly browned. Approx. 15mins stirring regularly to make sure nothing sticks to the pan.
3. Add broccoli and cauliflower and cook for 5 minutes until the veggies are golden
4. Stir in the tomato puree, curry powder and chicken stock until combined. Let the curry simmer until slightly thickened and the veggies are tender - approx. 10mins
5. Remove the curry from the heat and season with salt & pepper if desired.

Serving suggestion - Rice or Jacket Potato

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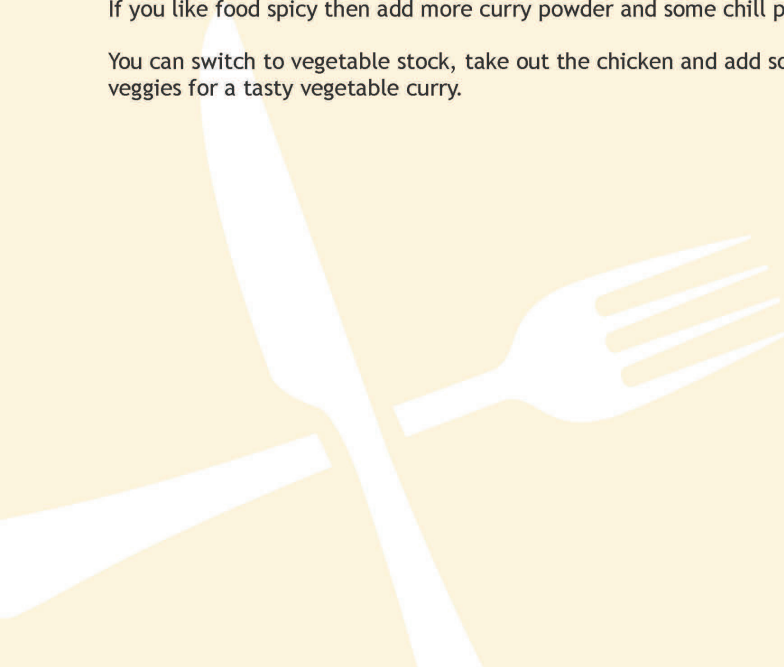
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COOKING TIPS:

If you like food spicy then add more curry powder and some chill powder.

You can switch to vegetable stock, take out the chicken and add some lentils or more veggies for a tasty vegetable curry.



The Salvation Army launched The Victory Programme to help people to make tasty, nutritious meals that will save them money. We include a recipe each issue for you to try out!

COOK 
BUDGET 
GROW 

Services in May

03/05		10.00am	Holy Communion (in church & online)
07/05	5th of Easter	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (in church & online) All Age Communion (in church) Evening Service (in church)
10/05		10.00am	Holy Communion (in church & online)
14/05	6th of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Worship for All (in church)
17/05		10.00am	Holy Communion (in church & online)
21/05	7th of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Worship for All (in church)
24/05		10.00am	Holy Communion (in church & online)
28/05	Pentecost	10.30am	Joint Holy Communion (in church & online)
31/05		10.00am	Holy Communion (in church & online)

From the church records (April)

BAPTISMS: None

WEDDINGS: John Allton & Laura Marshall

FUNERALS: None

Services are streamed live
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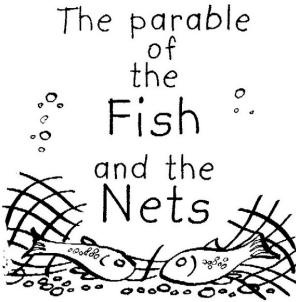
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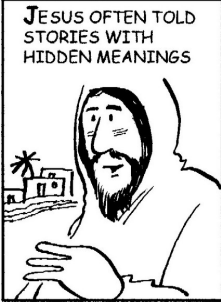


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The parable
of
the
Fish
and the
Nets



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS




ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE
CATCHING FISH!



WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING
THEY THROW THEIR NETS
INTO THE LAKE...



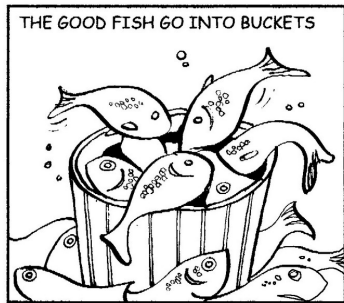
...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL,
THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE



ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH
HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.



THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



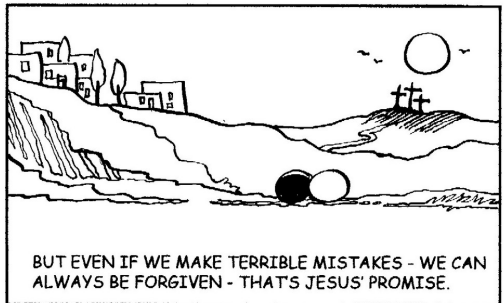
THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL
BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN
CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS
WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN
ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.



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and the sparrow has found a home and the

swallow a nest where she may raise

her young, my resting place is in your house, O



Lord my King and my God. Ps 84:3

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