

The Three Parishes Benefice



St Mary's Church,
Saltford.

All Saints Church,
Corston.

Holy Trinity Church,
Newton St Loe.

Easter

Notice Sheet

PALM SUNDAY



24th March

9.30am Holy Communion - St Mary's Church Saltford

11.15am Morning Worship - Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe

4pm Benefice Telephone Service

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crown as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Readings

Isa 50:4-9a

Mark 15:1-39,40-end

Pause for Thought on Palm Sunday

Passover is the celebration of the escape from Egypt when the Hebrew tribes were released from the power and control of the Egyptians. We all know that.

During Roman times, at each Passover, the Roman governor of the province of Judea moved his troops into Jerusalem. Picture Pilate riding in with his cavalry, banners flying, swords raised high, trumpets blaring, declaring and demonstrating the power, authority and glory of Rome. They would have been watched by the sullen, silent and resentful crowds gathered there for the Passover celebrations.

The message was clear,

'It may be your celebration of freedom but don't get any ideas...Rome is in control here...Rome has all the power and pageantry... don't you forget it!'

On the other side of Jerusalem, a man rode in on a donkey with smiling, cheering crowds holding palm branches, lining the roadway. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

What very different attitudes to, and demonstrations of, power!

One sought to suppress and control people, the other to free, enrich and fulfil them.

“If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed.”

What might this say to us about the wisdom of Christians using the power of legal-systems to impose *their* views on others?

Ken

Plant

Monday 25th March

8pm Evening Prayer - St Mary's Church Saltford

Tuesday 26th March

8pm Evening Prayer - All Saints Church Corston

Wednesday 27th March

8pm Evening Prayer - Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe



28th March

4pm Benefice Telephone Service

7pm Communion Last Supper - St Mary's Church Saltford

Collect

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen

Readings

tba



29th March

10am An Hour at the Cross - St Mary's Church Saltford

2pm An Hour at the Cross - All Saints Church Corston

2pm An Hour at the Cross - Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe

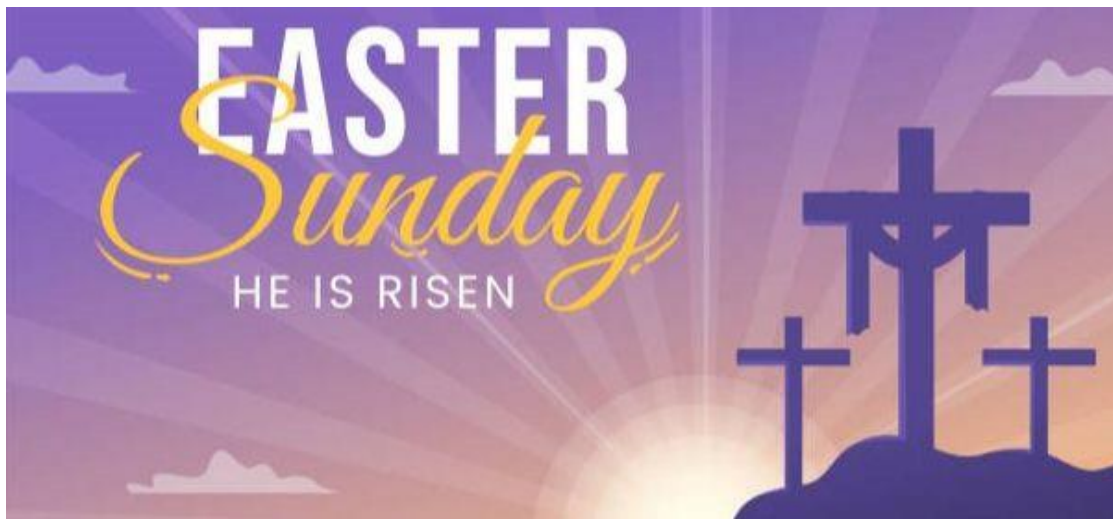
4pm Benefice Telephone Service

Collect

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

tba



31st March

6.30am Sunrise Service - The Shallows Saltford

10.30am Benefice Easter Communion - Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe

4pm Benefice Telephone Service

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-8

Bishop's letter – New life for all the world

Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all

the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action.

There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself. In John's Gospel (Jn 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first she can't believe it's really him. So she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20:15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4- 3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2:15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life, relationships and the life of our churches: new life for all the world.

Happy gardening and a very Happy Easter to you all.

Bishop Michael

7th April - Easter 2

9.30am Morning Worship - St Mary's Church Saltford

11.15am Holy Communion - All Saints Church Corston

4pm Benefice Telephone Service

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-end

Jean Ewins RIP

The family of Jean Ewins would like to thank everyone for their support and kind words since Jean passed peacefully away on 28th February 2024.

The funeral service for Jean will be on

Monday 25th March at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe.

All welcome



Parish Breakfast 10th March 2024

Many thanks to everyone who joined us on Sunday 10th March for another great Parish Breakfast, before moving to church for a very special Mothering Sunday Service.

Nearly £130 was raised at the breakfast for the work of The Life Project, a local charity which provides support for people with learning disabilities.

The next breakfast will be held on Sunday 14th April, so please keep your eye on the notices for further information. Donations will go to Bible Society.

Thank-you once again!

Julia Norris



PARISH BREAKFAST



Sunday 14th April

From 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall

Do come and enjoy food and fellowship whilst supporting Bible Society, which enables people to read the bible, to find out more about not only God but also about themselves.

Continental breakfast to include tea/fresh coffee

Contact Julia Norris for more information

(07977 956 969)



Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The APCM's will be held on the following dates

Saltford

Sunday 28th April at 11am

St Mary's Hall

Corston

Sunday 5th May at 10am

All Saints Church

Newton St Loe

Sunday 12th May at 10am

Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday Mornings Telephone Service

Ken & Teresa invite you to join them at the weekly Telephone Service on
Wednesdays at 9.30am.

Please see below on how to join in or contact the Parish Office for help.

All welcome

Benefice Telephone Service

To join our telephone service

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*Dial: 03330164757*

*Room Number: 30497259#*

*Room Number: 5856#*

**Opportunities to Pray**

**Morning Prayer**

Monday to Wednesday via Zoom at 8.30am

## Prayer @ 6

Monday to Thursday via Zoom at 6pm

### Zoom Meeting Details for Morning Prayer and Prayer@6

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017998147pwd=L0FWMnZENHlvZ3VxS3FOeWpaNXJWZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1799 8147

Passcode: Prayer



### Supporting the Mission and Ministry of St Mary's Church

If you would like to make an online donation to support the ongoing work of St Mary's please click on the donate button . It will redirect you to our online

giving page. You can also give in other ways like standing order, through the contactless device in church, through our website or by cash. For more information about how to give, please speak to Pam F our treasurer and she will be able to help you.

[Donate](#)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S HALL

|           |                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY    | 10.30am Vast UK - weekly<br>2pm Mobiflex - weekly                                                                                                    |
| TUESDAY   | 10am Coffee Morning - monthly (2nd Tues)<br>4pm Bright Times Tuition - weekly                                                                        |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.30am Vast UK - weekly<br>2pm Salford Stitchers - monthly (2nd Wed)<br>6pm Vitality Pilates - weekly                                               |
| THURSDAY  | 9.30am Toddler Group - weekly<br>4pm Bright Times Tuition - weekly<br>7pm Bath Gong with Amy - monthly<br>8pm Bath Circle of Magicians - fortnightly |
| FRIDAY    | 10am FoodBank - weekly                                                                                                                               |
| SATURDAY  | 10am Preform - weekly<br>10am Farandole Dancers - monthly (3rd Sat)                                                                                  |
| SUNDAY    | 9am Parish Breakfast - monthly<br>10.15am Refreshments after Church- weekly                                                                          |

# EASTER BLESSINGS

FROM THE BENEFICE OF SALTFORD, CORSTON & NEWTON ST LOE

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

### 24TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)  
11.15AM MORNING WORSHIP (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)  
4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

### 25TH MARCH - MONDAY

8PM EVENING PRAYER (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)

### 26TH MARCH - TUESDAY

8PM EVENING PRAYER (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

### 27TH MARCH - WEDNESDAY

8PM EVENING PRAYER (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

### 28TH MARCH - MAUNDY THURSDAY

4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE  
7PM COMMUNION LAST SUPPER (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)

### 29TH MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY

10AM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)  
2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)  
2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)  
4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

### 31ST MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY

6.30AM SUNRISE SERVICE (THE SHALLOWS SALTFORD)  
10.30AM BENEFICE COMMUNION CELEBRATION (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)  
4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE



Movement Worship Night

Keynsham and Salford (CTKS) are hosting a youth worship night led by Movement (<https://www.wearemovement.net/>) on Sunday 24th March at 6:30pm at St John's Church Hall, Keynsham. We would warmly welcome any young people (11- 25yrs) to join us for the evening. Please arrive for a 6:30pm start. Drinks and nibbles provided.



### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed to the public during the  
Easter Holidays (1st - 12th April).

All emails/phone calls will be answered during this time  
but please be patient if your enquiry takes a little longer than usual.

Thank you

### Safeguarding

If you have cause for concern regarding the safety of a child or vulnerable adult  
it is vital that you contact our Benefice Safeguarding Officer.

**Benefice Safeguarding Officer**

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**Contact Us**

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07850 887498

**Administrator**

Liz Benden (Day off Friday)

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*Wishing you all a very warm and  
blessed Easter*

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