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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The poet T.S. Eliot says that 'April is the cruellest month', but for us this year April is the month of Easter, a feast which is the heart of our faith. As I write this all sorts of preparations are in hand and it is great that we will be sharing some of our services with St Salvador's, Stenhouse and St David's, Pilton, and sharing our church with the Syrian Orthodox congregations who worship here. Christ died alone and was alone in the tomb, but he rose from the dead to raise up the whole Church together with him to heaven. We live only if we live together.

There is a beautiful ancient sermon from the first centuries of Christianity that expresses this so well. Christ went down into the depths of Hades to rescue Adam and all kept in darkness in order to raise them to live together with him (see page 4).

I'm pleased to say that some of the adults at Toddler Church have arranged to keep it running while Izzy, our Children's Minister, is on maternity leave. It is a tribute to what Izzy, Pauline, Brenda and others have built up here that it has taken on a life of its own. Our children's ministry has enabled Holy Cross to engage with the local community in many new ways and we look forward to the baptism of Klara later this month as another of the signs of spring and Easter joy.

May you and your families and friends experience that joy in your lives.

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter to you all.



‘Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him, Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: “My Lord be with you all.” Christ answered him: “And with your spirit.” He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying:

“Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

“I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise.

“I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth.”

*From an ancient sermon for Holy Saturday*



## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who helped beautify the church for Easter.

7th April	In memoriam Betty Smith
14th April	?
21st April	Baptism – Klara Duck
28th April	Yvonne Boughton



**Flower Rota 2024** is on the noticeboard. Please sign up for any Sundays when you would like to be responsible for the flowers – a simple vase or a complex arrangement, the choice is yours. If you have not done the flowers before, Sarah is happy to advise.

If you would like to donate the flowers but cannot arrange them yourself please speak to Sarah ([sarahmillee@aol.com](mailto:sarahmillee@aol.com) or 237 5147).

## Our new sanctuary lamp and remembering our departed loved ones

The small flame in our new sanctuary lamp burns continually in our church as a sign of prayer and presence, and it is possible to sponsor the lamp for a month in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please send their name to the Rector or sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard in church. It can be done at a suggested minimum donation of £15, which covers the cost of the candles. At present, several months have not been sponsored.

In July the lamp will burn in memory of Renée Ghiron and Dorothy Elvin and in August in memory of David Page.

## Sacraments – prayers please for:

**Klara Duck** and her parents Kasia and Andrew. Klara will be baptised at Holy Cross on Sunday 21st April.

**Laura Hundert** and **Nathan Thomson** who will be married at St Paul's, Brookline, USA on 15th June. Laura is the granddaughter of the late Isobel and Richard Winnington-Ingram of Holy Cross and, as they live in Scotland, Fr Stephen has done their marriage preparation.

**Jowita Thor** and **Ivan Bokii** who will be married at Holy Cross on Saturday 27th July.

## ST SALVADOR'S FOOD BANK

Thanks to all who donate food or money to the St Salvador's Food Initiative. We now have a large black box to collect donations, with thanks to Catherine Douglas. Numbers are still high at the food bank and the need continues.



In addition to food we also serve tea and coffee and members of the team chat with the visitors – a great community has been built up and people who have used the food bank have come back to help or to worship at St Salvador's. For those of us at Holy Cross, this is an important link between our two congregations and a good way to help people in need.

Items particularly needed are rice, cooking oil, tins of tuna, packs of sweet biscuits and those cheap instant noodle packs. Other tinned and packet food is welcome too. They also need nappies – at present sizes 3 to 6 are most in demand – and other hygiene items.

Thank you!

## CHANT, THE MUSIC OF FAITH AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE HISTORY OF MUSIC

**A talk by Sir James MacMillan**

**Tuesday 23rd April**

**7.30 p.m.**

**St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Broughton Street**

On Tuesday, 23rd April, *Friends of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral* is delighted to host Sir James MacMillan, one of the world's most successful living composers. We are extending the invitation to churches in Edinburgh. It would be wonderful if you and your parishioners could join us.

Sir James MacMillan's concert music is broadcast and performed throughout the world and he travels the globe working with some of classical music's top ensembles as a conductor. Join music lovers across the city for a rare opportunity to hear insights from one of the world's most acclaimed classical music composers. All are welcome. You can book free tickets here: <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

Here at Holy Cross we regularly use MacMillan mass settings.

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

### How do you like to receive your copy?

I am in the process of tidying up the delivery list of paper copies of the magazine. Over time readers have died, moved house, switched from paper to online or vice versa, so it is high time to print out a fresh copy for myself.

There are three ways of reading the Holy Cross magazine.

1. **The church website** This is accessible for anyone, anywhere, who has internet access. Because of this worldwide availability some contact details are omitted, but you will still get the full text of articles.
2. **Email from the Rector** If you are on Stephen's email list he will send you the full magazine, with all the details included. If you would like this, make sure he has your email address.
3. **Your own personal paper copy** for those who are not online, or who just prefer to read on paper rather than onscreen. This can be delivered by hand, picked up in church or posted. There is a charge to cover printing costs, currently £8 per year. Magazines by post are £15 per year (until the price of stamps goes up again!).

If you are happy with your current way of receiving the magazine you need do nothing. If you want to change it, please let me know (contact details inside front cover). Also please tell me if there is any mistake in your address or the number of copies you want.

Thank you to the faithful team of **magazine distributors**. If anyone would like to join them, please tell me. Qualifications are a bit of spare time each month and enough energy to walk up garden paths. It is not a life sentence, so if you are finding it too much, just say so.

*Margaret Deas*

## CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

Last Sunday of the month

April to June

2 p.m.

Free concerts

aimed at 0 – 5 year-olds and their grownups

More information will be in the Sunday pew sheets and later magazines.



## LifeCare – extra years of zest

### FREE ACTIVITIES FOR UNPAID CARERS

All are drop-in sessions – no need to book. You are able to bring the person you care for to these activities.

**Tuesdays: Watercolour Workshop 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**

Learn the art of watercolours. Diana will guide you to create beautiful paintings of plants, animals and nature.

**Wednesdays: Yoga and Pilates 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**

Come and unwind and look after your physical and mental wellbeing.

**Diverse Dance Mix 12 noon to 1 p.m.**

Come along to this inclusive dance mix, exploring dance and music through the ages.

**Zumba 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.**

A dance class focussing on all elements of fitness: cardiovascular, muscular conditioning, flexibility and balance! Suitable for all abilities.

**Thursdays: Sculpture and Art class 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.**

Beginners art course – suitable for all ages and abilities.

**Fridays: Chair Yoga 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.**

Come along and unwind and look after your physical and mental wellbeing with yoga. Suitable for everyone.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

These include weekly activities ranging from Monday morning's Chatty Café and a pop-up play area for the little ones to a games afternoon and the Saturday Social. There is also monthly Bingo.

On the second Friday of the month there is a series of talks on Edinburgh history by local volunteers, for which donations are welcome.

### INFORMATION

For more information contact [enquiries@lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk) or phone 0131 343 0940.

All sessions are held at the LifeCare Centre, 2 Cheyne Street, Edinburgh EH4 1JB



## **BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL**

By the time you read this, Lent will be over. If you have not yet made your donation to the Lent Appeal for Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre please do so as soon as possible. Send your money to the Holy Cross bank account (details inside front cover) with LENT APPEAL as the reference. If this is not feasible, give cash or a cheque to Colin our Treasurer, clearly marked 'Lent Appeal'.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 19th April	Copy deadline for May magazine
Sunday 28th May	Children's Concert 2 p.m.
Thursday 9th May	Ascension Day
12th to 18th May	Christian Aid Week
Sunday 19th May	Pentecost

## **WORSHIP**

(Any variations are noted in the Kalendar)

**Sunday**                    **9.00 a.m. Eucharist (traditional language)**  
**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**Wednesday**            **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

**Thursday**                **5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom**

We pray together for about half an hour, using the fixed words of the service with a space for free prayer. To join us contact the Rector.

**Friday**                    **10.30 a.m. Toddler Church (in term time)**

**First Friday in the month, 2 p.m. Healing Eucharist with anointing**

## KALENDAR and READINGS APRIL 2024

Monday in Easter Week, 1st April

*Easter Week is celebrated as if each day is Easter Day.*

Tuesday in Easter Week, 2nd April

**Wednesday in Easter Week, 3rd April – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 3.1-10                  Psalm 105.1-9                  Luke 24.13-35

**Thursday in Easter Week, 4th April – Zoom Evening Prayer 5 p.m.**

**Friday in Easter Week, 5th April – Healing Eucharist 2 p.m.**

Saturday in Easter Week, 6th April

**Sunday 7th April – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Low Sunday)  
– Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 4.32-35                  Psalm 133  
I John 1.1-2.2                  John 20.19-31

Monday 8th April – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Lady Day)  
*transferred from 25th March*

Tuesday 9th April – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian and martyr, 1945

**Wednesday 10th April – William Law, priest, 1634 – Eucharist  
10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 5.17-26                  Psalm 34.1-8                  John 3.7-15

**Thursday 11th April – George Augustus Selwyn, bishop and missionary,  
1878 – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.** Holy Cross Vestry 7.30 p.m. in  
church.

Friday 12th April – William Forbes, first Bishop of Edinburgh, 1634

**Sunday 14th April – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – Eucharist  
9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 3.12-19                  Psalm 4  
I John 3.1-7                  Luke 24.36b-48

Tuesday 16th April – St Magnus of Orkney

**Wednesday 17th April – St Donnan, Abbot – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 8.1b-8                  Psalm 66.1-6                  John 6.35-40

**Thursday 18th April – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 19th April – Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.**

Saturday 20th April – St Maelrubha of Applecross

**Sunday 21st April – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. with Baptism**

*Readings:* Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23  
1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

Tuesday 23rd April – St George

**Wednesday 24th April – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 12.24-13.5a Psalm 67 John 12.44-50

**Thursday 25th April – ST MARK, Evangelist – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 26th April – Albert Laurie, Priest, of Old St Paul's, 1937 – Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.**

Saturday 27th April – Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894

**Sunday 28th April – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Children's Concert 2 p.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 8.26-40 Psalm 22.24-30  
1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8

Monday 29th April – Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday 1st May – St Philip and St James – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Isaiah 30.18-21 Psalm 119.1-8  
2 Corinthians 4.1-6 John 14.6-14

**Sunday 5th May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Rogation Sunday) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98  
1 John 5.1-6 John 15.9-17

