

Sunday 21st April 2024

EASTER 4

Readings

Acts 4.5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3.16-24

John 10.11-18

9.30 am	Morning Worship, Chelmarsh
10.00 am	Holy Communion, Glazeley
10.30 am	Holy Communion, Highley

Church Website: www.stmaryshighley.co.uk and Facebook

Next Sunday 28th April 2024

8 am Holy Communion, Billingsley
9.30 am Holy Communion, Chelmarsh
10.30 am Informal Service, Highley

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES IN HIGHLEY EVERY SUNDAY

HIGHLEY AND BILLINGSLEY CHURCHES OPEN DAILY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 9.30AM-3.30PM



Offering plate:

There is a plate/basket for offerings of money as you enter the church. Your gifts are most welcome, but please ensure these are placed before or early in the service as we do not pass the plate around.

This week we helped:

15 families
7 couples
16 individuals + 2 emergencies
A total of 54 adults and 30 children



We need more of:

Tinned Meat, Tinned Soup,
Tinned Vegetables, Pasta Sauces. Tinned Fruit, Biscuits

We currently have enough pasta

We always need more Bags for Life and ordinary carrier bags

If you would like to contribute something to the Foodbank can you make sure that it is non-perishable and in date.

Cat and dog food is also acceptable as many clients have pets.

Please can you drop any contributions off at 15 Cranmore Drive, Highley before Sunday evening. Feel free to leave bags in the porch if no one is in.

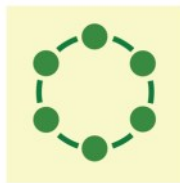
The Ladies Wednesday morning prayer and study group meets at the Parish Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. Notification will be given if the venue changes from time to time.

Please Note. The Tuesday evening Bible study/Home group will now resume at Mervyn and Liz's from Tuesday 23rd April at 7:30.

A NEW WINE OPPORTUNITY

Thursday 2nd May 12:00 - 2:30pm. Craven Arms, Methodist church hall

You are invited to a meeting of Worship, Teaching and Ministry with Rev Rich Johnson the National Director of New Wine. Rich leads All Saints Worcester which has grown and planted new church communities. All Saints expresses their journey as 'joining with God in the renewal of all things and practising the way of Jesus in community'. The event will be hosted by Mark & Lindsay Melliush and Deborah Jackson. Come and be encouraged, meet with others and hear about what God is doing across our country.



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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme, which would be a real help. It is very easy to go on line and make your arrangements by entering the following —

www.parishgiving.org.uk

The PGS makes it possible for givers to:

- * Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and Apple/Google pay wallets
- * Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
- * Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually
- * Enhance your gift by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving

Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer.

If you give by Direct Debit, please consider changing to the Parish Giving Scheme as it is easier for the church and for you to administer. Thank you.

Every gift you make is of great value to the Church and our ministry. We can only do what we do because you make it possible by faith and generosity.

Walk around Billingsley

Sunday 21st. Meet Cape of Good Hope car park, 2.15 pm; for a 2 hour walk. Expect mud as we will be walking across fields in places.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Mary's Church, Highley **Today**, 21st April after the 10.30 am service.

Those on the electoral roll of the church are entitled to attend and vote.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Quiz - Saturday 27th April in support of PopIn club. More details to come. **HIGHLEY CARNIVAL** Saturday 6th July. Volunteers needed please for doing a stall on behalf of St Mary's Church. Please see Pat.

PRAYER

Pray for the peoples of the Middle East, that peace and justice may prevail. Ask that leaders may show respect for international law and human rights; pray for those who are working to bring peace to the region.

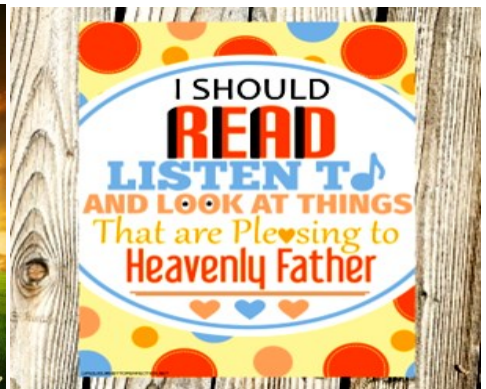
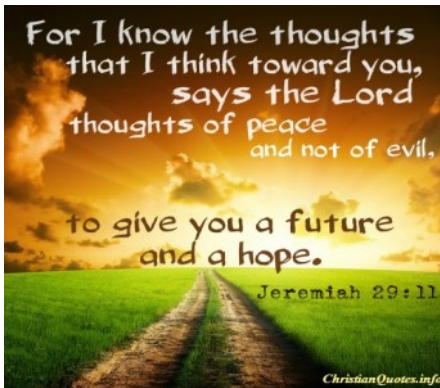


Pray for the people of Sudan, as they face starvation in the face of civil war. Remember particularly the work of UNICEF and other international agencies as they seek to bring essential supplies to the victims of the fighting.

As the debate around assisted dying continues, pray for wisdom for all those who contribute to the discussions. Help us all to understand what it means for all people to have been created in God's image.

Pray for all those within our benefice who serve on our PCCs; give thanks for their work. Pray for those who will be involved in the Annual Parish Meetings that will be taking place over the next few weeks.

The Wednesday Zoom group will meet this week at 7pm; we are loosely following themes from "Have a little faith" by Rev Kate Bottley. There will be compline (night prayer) this Friday at 9pm. The links are available from d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk, all are welcome.



The Parish Hall office will be open this week on Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday at 10.00am to 12.00pm (subject to alteration on occasions).
Tel (01746) 861242.