

Easter 4 AGM– April 21, 2024

WELCOME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires know and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALM 20

¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary

and grant you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices

and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶ Now this I know:

The LORD gives victory to his anointed.

He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹ LORD, give victory to the king!

Answer us when we call!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

SONG

Great is they faithfulness (147)

CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Silence

Let us confess our sins together...

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent have mercy upon you (us), pardon and deliver you (us) from all your (our) sins, confirm and strengthen you (us) in all goodness and keep you (us) in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COLLECT:

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

SONGS

How wonderful how glorious is the love of God (783)

READING: Revelation 2:1 – 7

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SERMON: Christ's view of the church – Ephesus – hard-working and uncompromising church (1)

SONG

The church's One Foundation (525)

INTERCESSION:

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. your kingdom come, your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen

PEACE

The Risen Christ came among his disciples and said: "Peace be with you". And they were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. **Alleluia**

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
And also with you

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the bank: Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church Council*

Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering of our money and of ourselves to be used in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FINAL SONG

Jesus is Lord (290)

PRAYER AND BLESSING


May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

May the blessing...

Go and live for Christ in the power of his resurrection.

Thanks be to God, Amen

NOTICES

1. **Please continue to help to replenish our foodbank which is a source of help to many in our community.** Thanks to all those who have been contributing to this with food and money. It is very appreciated.
2.  **Please take a copy of the Good News Newspaper.** It is a good read.
3. Please remain behind for our **Annual General Meeting.**
4. **If your name is not on any Rota** please volunteer to get involved in some of the activities in the life of the church community – reading, intercession, leading, welcoming, cleaning, gardening, tea and coffee (hospitality), children and young people, prayer team, foodbank etc.

5. **New Wine – July 25 – 30. – Shepton Mallet.** Register: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/newwine24/>

6. **Mental Health First Aid Course**
The Course will be run over two days run by an accredited trainer and those completing it will receive certification as Mental Health First Aiders

Dates: Saturdays 27th April and 11th May - 9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue: St James Church, 173 Chase Cross Road, Romford RM5 3YR

Cost: £85 per person – this includes £35 for the course materials.

If you'd like to express an interest please email Vicky Dreese

– families@jamesandjohn.org.uk


- **It is with great sadness that I announce to you that our friend and colleague Ray Lewis passed away suddenly recently.** Please pray for his family and the community of Eastside Young Leaders Academy. May his soul find rest in the presence of Christ.

More information regarding his farewell service will follow.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/boris-johnson-academy-bbc-city-hall-newham-b1149034.html>

- **You are invited to the cathedral in Chelmsford April 28th at 3:30pm** when Cornelius will be made a non-residentiary canon of the Cathedral by Bishop Guli.

- **Parish Gift Day spring – May 5th.** Please give generously.

- Please remember to **subscribe and use the bell** if you use YouTube  to help you in your **morning prayers.**

Friday fortnight BIBLE STUDY on zoom every other Friday from 7:30



Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY each week on zoom from 8pm.

ALL ARE INVITED

- Church of England daily prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Almighty God, hear the cry of our hearts, as we hold before you the people of the Holy Land. Be near those who have lost lives and loved ones, and be a sure rock to those who are in terror this day.

We pray that, through your Spirit of wisdom and mercy, conflict may cease and that the leaders of the nations may work together for peace and justice between Israel and Palestine, the Jews and the Arabs.

As you wept over Jerusalem, so we ask that you hear the prayers of those who weep this day for your Holy Land. Remember the innocent sufferers in Israel and Gaza – the children, the elderly and the vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

God of the nations, whose kingdom rules over all, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Establish peace in the hearts of men and women everywhere and banish from them the spirit that makes for war and conflict; that all races, peoples and nations may live in peace as members of one human family and in obedience to your laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to You, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOCUS:



If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.

Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

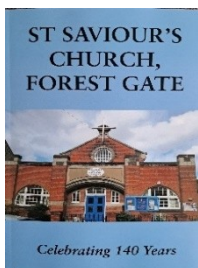
Doreen, Jean and Walter, Monica, **Sue** (*Daisy and family*), **Veronica** and Chester, **Dolly** and Desmond, **Jean** Murphy, **Johannah**, Pat and Ray Vincent, **Pauline** Haywood, **Muriel**, **David** Martins, **Suriyakala** Johnson, Veronica, **Monica** and daughter (**Sheryl**), Charity, Pippa, Duke, Radcliffe and Pauline, **archdeacon Elwin** and family, Andy and Anita, Una, Noel, Jacky (*Ambrose's sister-in-law*), **Maxine** Garrison and family (*for suitable accommodation*), Attlee, **Ann** and Richard (*in Wales*), **Elliot** (*friend of Jenny*), **Jake** (*Rev. Jeremy Fraser's son*), **Kianna** - *Ann's (friend of Angela) granddaughter and her stepmum – Lucy...*

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- **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

Global Action – *provides training for local pastors to minister in the community* (see charity board for more information)

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Please remember to promote and purchase a copy of our book. The majority of the proceeds will go towards helping to sort out our heating.
Donation: £10 Thanks.

SAFEGUARDING is caring for those who are most vulnerable in our community. **SAFEGUARDING** is the responsibility of the whole community. If there is a safeguarding issue our Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO) are:
Doreen Alexander and Jenny Somers.