

St Christopher's Church Services

Sunday 7 th	10.00am Morning Worship (no groups)	Readings Jonah 4 and Luke 5: 27-32 <i>Topic</i> <i>Jonah 4 Jonah's anger and God's compassion.</i> Led by Miss L Warner Preacher Revd J Tonkin
	Followed by the AGM and Bring and Share Lunch short PCC meeting follows the lunch	

Palm Sunday 14 th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Luke 19: 28-40 and Psalm 118: 19-29 <i>Topic</i> <i>The King of Kings makes an entrance.</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Revd C Collins
	with prayer for healing Jenny and Steve Tea, chat and pray 5pm-7pm - at the Collins's 256 Milligan Road	

Maunder Thursday 18th 7.30pm Holy Communion Readings John 13: 1-35 and Exodus 12: 1-14

Good Friday 19th 3-4pm An Hour at the Cross, in church

Easter Day 21 st	10.00am All age Holy Communion	Readings John 20: 1-18 and Acts 10: 37-43 <i>Topic</i> <i>Risen indeed, hallelujah!</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Mrs C Griffin
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Sunday 28 th	10.00am All age Morning Worship	Readings John 20: 24-31 and Psalm 118: 14-29 <i>Topic</i> <i>Jesus and Thomas</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Miss L Warner
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Diary Dates for April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 2nd, 9th - 12-1pm - 'Brightstars' lunchtime group 4:15-5:30pm - 'Tea & Toast' Year 11 after-school group 7:15pm - Alpha course, at St C's • Wednesday 3rd, 10th - 8-8:15am - Morning Prayer at Church, 7:30pm - Lent devotional groups at the Tonkins' • Friday 12th Academy end of term assembly • Saturday 20th - 3:30-5:30pm - Craft Café at Pork Pie library • Monday 22nd - Sunday 28th - Chris on annual leave. • Monday 29th - Start of Summer Term.

Vicar's comment

Our Lent devotional groups are based on the parables of Jesus, with a focus on parables which are perhaps lesser known or less readily recalled by Christians.

One of these was the so-called **parable of the unmerciful servant** in Matthew chapter 18. Jesus uses this parable to show how the forgiveness God gives to people is incomparably greater than whatever forgiveness they might be asked to give to someone else. In the parable a man owes his master 10,000 talents....a figure which doesn't mean much to us today, but when converted into our money is at least **£3 billion**. In the story this enormous amount represents what we owe God because of our sin. And yet...through the death of Jesus he wipes out the debt completely!! In the letter to the Ephesians Paul says '*In Him we have redemption through his blood, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us*'. (1:7, NIV).

This Easter, spend time thinking about just how big a debt every person owes to our perfectly holy God, and just how huge his love for human beings is in offering to wipe that debt out completely through the cross.

There are 2 more studies on Wednesdays 3rd & 10th April, at the Tonkins'.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- The family and friends of Joan Fairbrother after her recent passing away
- the continuing adult Alpha course at St C's
- our Open Hands partnering, Craft Café & Morning Prayer ministries
- Chris and Neil for love and wisdom as they serve as TGSA governors, with Chris starting to take on Governor responsibility for Academy Collective Worship
- increasing student attendance levels at the Academy without a loss of empathy and understanding for genuinely ill students
- our Christian brothers and sisters around the world as they perhaps face increased danger of persecution at Easter time.
- all affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Regular Activities

Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am
Last meeting of term
Friday 12th April
Restarts Monday 29th April.

Coffee Break Thursdays

lunch from 12noon
followed by Communion at 1pm
4th and 11th CC

Not meeting on 18th & 25th

Scouts Thursdays

Cubs 8 plus - 5.30-7.00
Scouts 10.5 plus - 6-8
and **Explorers** 14 plus - 7-9
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