

A message from Sue, our church coordinator:

What a joy it was to join together and fellowship with our mission community for the Maundy Thursday service and to join with so many visitors for our service of celebration on Easter Sunday. I hope that like me, you found it a very powerful and encouraging service. Our thanks go to all who contributed to making it such a joyful celebration. I was particularly moved by Glynn's reflection on Good Friday, that so many of us find it difficult to focus on the intensity of suffering that Jesus bore on our behalf; and that we often prefer to skip to the joyful celebration of His victory and resurrection. How very true - and yet how important it is to not gloss over the depth of sacrifice that Jesus made.

We look forward to the next opportunities to join together in fellowship with the mission community at the Ascension and Pentecost services.

This Week's Bible Reading:

John 5:1-15 'Do you want to get well?' and Psalm 62:7-12

The Collect:

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
Grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 11th April 11am: Chinese Bible Study

Sunday 12th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

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Sunday 12th 8.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3682819466>

Monday 13th 10am - Ladies Bible Study

Monday 13th 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 14th 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Wednesday 15th 10.30am: Mums bible study

Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

Dates for your Diary:

18th April: Rooted Disciples

23rd April: Leprosy Mission Meeting

14th May Ascension Day Service at St Bridgets

21st June: Confirmation service at St Andrews

News:

One of our mission partners, The Leprosy Mission, will be coming to St John's on the 23rd April to give us an update on their work. We'd love you to come along to support them and have a time of fellowship together, if you are available.

Don't forget that ongoing news items can be found [online](#).

Flowers:

Would you be interested in learning how to arrange flowers? One of our lovely ladies from the flower arranging team has offered to host a free flower arranging lesson for members of our congregation. Please get in touch with Sue in the office to register your interest. Open to all - men and women both make great flower arrangers! If you just want to come along to enjoy a time of fellowship, arranging flowers together with no further involvement, that's perfectly ok. There is no obligation to then join the flower arranging team - but if you discover a love of flower arranging and would like to do more, we'd love to discuss having you on the team!

Flowers in church:

Did you know that you can sponsor the flowers in church in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special event? There are multiple ways that you can do this - you can buy and arrange the flowers yourself, you can buy the flowers and ask the flower team to arrange them or you can make a donation to the flower team and they will buy and arrange them for you. For more information on sponsoring flowers, please chat to Sue Lane or Ann Walkingshaw.

Please pray for:

- All those suffering illness and loss - especially Jean Mainey, Joyce and David Maudling, Thelma Toman, Jenny Wong, Phil Holland and Emily Lane.
- Visitors who attended services over Easter. We pray that they return and continue to seek Jesus.
- The Leprosy Mission

Praise God for:

Answered prayer at football school. We thank the Lord for sunny days, encouraged leaders and engaged children who came back day after day.

Pastoral Visits

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk

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Our Mission Community partner churches:

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St Andrew's Church (Mirehouse): www.standrewsmirehouse.co.uk

St Bridget's Church (Moresby): www.stbridgetsmoresby.com

Mission Community Events website:

<https://www.churchonthemoor.com/mc-events>