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Sunday 12th April

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd John Kirkby

Readings

Acts 2 vv 14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1 vv 3-9
John 20 vv 19-end

Hymns

314 This joyful Eastertide
295 Alleluia, alleluia
568 Alleluia sing to Jesus
293 All heaven declares

Thought for the week:

The disciples are locked in and afraid. 'Opening' is a good description of what Jesus does here. Jesus opens them up to himself, crucified and risen, and to his peace and joy in place of fear. He opens them out towards the future and toward the whole world by sending them as he was sent. He opens his mouth to speak and to breathe into them as God breathed life into Adam and to share the Holy Spirit. And there is no closure to the scene, no departure of Jesus.

Professor David Ford

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning.
All welcome.

"Coffee, Chat and Play" is back this week. Everyone is welcome to enjoy some time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday morning in the Lower Hall.

Communion responses: we are going to use the new sung responses for communion again this week. These recordings may help with your learning this new music. Please note you are singing the congregation's line not the choir!

Gloria
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb394ebQ4OI

Sanctus
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTMLiCsh53E

Agnus Dei
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWicjNQLme4

Friendship Club is also meeting this week at 2.30pm on **Tuesday 14th** and will be having quiz.

Workaid collection: as you know, the circuit is collecting tools for Workaid, a charity based in Chesham that refurbishes tools to support projects in West Africa. Sunday is the last day to bring your contributions to church as they will be collected on Monday. A full list of the items they will (and won't) accept is here: https://workaid.org/donate-tools.

Mothering Sunday Flower baskets. If you do not need the basket you received, could you please bring it back to church so that they can be returned to Sunnyside. There is a container near the door to the hall.

Organ recitals: the first in the next series of the Sarah Garrett recitals will be on **Sunday 3rd May** at 2.30pm in church and will be given by William Fox, who is the Director of Music at St Albans Abbey. Everyone very welcome - entry is free and there will be a retiring collection for the series and church funds with refreshments at the interval.

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Audrey and Paul Cox; Mark, Nicola and family; Terry; Heather Gifford; Ida; Penny; James; for Ann Braddick's family and friends;

We pray for the people of Iran and especially for those who have lost loved ones and we pray for the hearts and minds of those who are causing so many deaths to be changed in accordance with your command 'Love one another';

We pray for all those affected by extreme weather events;

We pray that the ceasefire in Gaza will lead to a lasting peace;

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. We pray too for all aid workers who have died or been injured while trying to bring supplies to those in need and for their families.

We pray too for those who are caught up in war in other parts of the world, including Sudan and Ukraine and for those facing the threat of starvation in the ongoing hostilities;

We also pray for:
All who are refugees, especially those who are not receiving help to rebuild their lives in safety;

We pray that the issue of climate change may not be forgotten and all the nations may act to secure the safety of our world. We pray too for all whose lives have been badly affected by climate changes in the areas where they live.

We pray that all MPs may serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they represent.

We continue to pray for the children and their families of our church and town and all who work in the NHS; Social Services and the charities who are supporting the sick or frail;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; John Malcolm; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Barbara Conway; Marnie Taylor; Leslie; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall