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## In Need of Water



Last Sunday, Tracey brought home a lovely primula that was given out at the end of our Mothers' Day service. It looked beautiful. We didn't, however, get a chance to plant it in the garden that day – so it sat on the kitchen worktop. After a few days in the warmth, the soil dried out and the flower head flopped over. It was in desperate need of water! However, within just a couple of hours of being given a drink, the plant perked up; the flower head straightened up again and the plant was back to its resplendent best.

It was a great illustration of just how important water is for all living things. Without water, everything withers and dies. Our bodies can only survive without water for 3 to 5 days. Jesus is also often described as the 'water of life', because without Him in our lives, we are spiritually impoverished. Through our worship today, we have the opportunity to drink once again from that well of life.

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." [John 4: 14](#)*

*Paul Heath*

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## **PEOPLE:**

Both Roy and Gwen continue to be in hospital and they remain in our thoughts and prayers as does Jill. Joyce came home on Thursday, which was good and I [Colin] was able to pop in and see her on Friday morning.

At the time of writing, I am unaware of anyone else who is poorly, but there are a number of our fellowship who are living with long term health concerns and we continue to remember them.

Many congratulations to Mike and Hillary Dickens as you celebrate your 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday this week.

## ***SiLent* – HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS:**

Over the last few years at Lent and Advent we have prepared some resources to help in our personal preparation for Easter or Christmas. This year is no exception, and we have written 8 Holy Week Reflections which cover from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. The theme is silent and each reflection takes a Bible Reading found between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday which include the word or theme of Silence. In addition, there is a supplementary thought and reflection from Si (Si being an abbreviation of the name Simon Peter). This is an attempt to put in to context what Simon Peter was thinking. Hence or theme *SiLent*.

We do hope that this resource helps you prepared your heart and soul during Holy Week.

## **WARM WELCOME:**

This coming week we come to the end of our current programme of Warm Welcome, having run ever since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. After Easter we will give a fuller report on the success of this initiative and detail our thanks to all those who have been involved. However, until then we would like to offer a preliminary thank you to Linda, Rachel and the team of helpers who assisted with this project. Thank you.

## **PETTY CASH RETURNS:**

Please can all sections or individuals that have any reimbursements to claim do this by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. No claims will be actioned after this date to allow time to complete and sign off the 2022/23 financial year.

## **FLOWERS:**

Mark, Michelle, Jonathan, Bev and families are responsible for the beautiful flowers at the front of the hall today, which are in honour of Hilary and Mike's diamond wedding anniversary!

## **STATISTICS GATHERING:**

It's that time of year again where we count our attendance in every activity. Deb Hatcliffe is coordinating and numbers need to be recorded until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Remember, the number needs to include under 18s and over 18s separately. Thank you.



## PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE OF DATE:

Unfortunately, due to problems with the venue the Divisional Celebration on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May has been postponed until 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to the following for recently completing their Food Safety: Catering Level 2:

- Rachel Roberts
- Linda James
- Bev Dickens
- Deb Hatcliffe
- Jill Whitelaw
- Lilian Baker



**The clocks changed last night – make sure you don't miss the meeting today!**

**I'm sure I had that hour yesterday – now where did I put it?**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER:

## Easter Trail:

From Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April there will be an Easter trail in our building – a creative way of engaging with the Easter story suitable for adults and children. Why not make time to come and see? It will be open during the following times:

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 10am - 12pm
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 4pm – 4.45pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 8pm - 9pm
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 11am & 12pm - 1.30pm
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 8.30am – 10am



## Sunday 2nd April:

- 10am Palm Sunday All Age Worship
- 4pm – 6pm Messy Church

## Tuesday 4th April:

- 7:30pm ‘Come as you are’  
*An evening of musical reflection with the Songsters and Band*

## Thursday 6th April:

- 11:15am Easter Worship - *coffee from 11am*
- 7pm ‘Celebrating Passover’ Fellowship Meal  
*suitable for all ages, booking required*

## Good Friday, 7th April:

- 10am Good Friday Worship
- 11:30am Outreach in Fountain Square

## Easter Sunday, 9th April:

- 8.30am Easter breakfast - *booking required*
- 10am Easter Sunday All Age Worship
- 12noon Easter March to Page Park
- 12.30pm Easter Band Concert  
*under the Clock tower in Page Park*

## **IN THE MONTH AHEAD:**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Holy Week – see programme earlier in this bulletin
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Messy Church

## **SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:**

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Page Park Coronation Event
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Armed Forces Day in Page Park
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sept / 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Weekend
<b>14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	YP Prizegiving Weekend

*10 of our YP workers are attending a Territorial Youth and Children's Leaders Conference this weekend, please pray that they will have a great time, and learn a little too!*

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March:

10am	All Age Worship Hope: Our Human Longing for Home (Last in the current Bible Series)
11.30am-12:15pm	Children & Youth Activities
12noon	Church 2U – small band visits into the community

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

8pm	CAMEO
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### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:

11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin)
12noon-6pm	Hall open for a <i>Warm Welcome</i>
6:30pm	YP Band Practice
7:15pm	Singing Company Practice
8pm	Senior Band Practice

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:

9:30am-11am	Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm	Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
7:45pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group at Linda's house
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March:

12.30pm	Lunch Club
6:45pm	Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:

12noon-6pm	Hall open for a <i>Warm Welcome</i>
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### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April:

10am-12noon	Coffee Morning
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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

	<b><i>Start of Holy Week</i></b>
10am	All Age Worship for Palm Sunday
11.30am-12:15pm	Children & Youth Activities
4pm-6pm	Messy Church