

WHAT'S ON?

Easter Study: Tonight! At 5pm. 'The God Who Speaks Life', led by the Revd Andrew Errington. No preparation necessary.

Funeral for Andrew Armstrong: tomorrow at 11.45am.

International Evening on 15 April at 6pm. A social evening enjoying international cuisine and customs. Invite friends and families.

Paper Aeroplane Competition on the 23rd of April at 2pm. £1 entry for kids and £2 for adults. Fun for all ages.

Sing on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Learn hymns and service music. No experience or musical ability necessary

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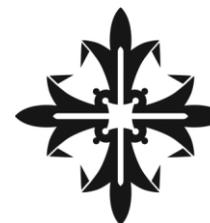
10er Challenge If you can, save £10/week for one year, to help with the cost of replacing our failing heating system.

WHO'S WHO?

Rector: The Revd Dr James Merrick
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Curate: The Revd Jason Hobbs

Organist: Mr Christopher Black



SAINT MARY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter 3, 10th April 2016

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S

Relax and rest in God from the past week.

Rejoice with friends and family.

Be renewed by shared prayer, adoration and thanksgiving.

Children of all ages are welcome. Our children's programme occurs during the 10.15am service.

Communion is open to all who love Jesus Christ. You may drink from the chalice or dip the bread into it. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are enjoyed after the 10.15am service.

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RECTOR'S REFLECTION: The Resurrection and the Church

Before converting to Christianity and being renamed Paul, Saul was an aggressive persecutor of the early church. Curiously, we read in Acts 9 this morning that when the resurrected Lord confronts Saul, Jesus says: 'Why do you persecute *me*?' What a thing to say! Why does Jesus assume a personal connection between himself and the church? This is surely the basis for St Paul's later statement that the church is *Christ's body*. Because Christ's presence is *embodied* in the church, we are not 'in Christ' unless we are in the church. One early Christian said it this way: 'outside the church there is no salvation'. How we relate to and engage with the church will determine the health of our relationship to Christ. If we love the church selectively or conditionally, we must assume we love Christ the same way. Or, as St John said, if we say we love God and hate our fellow believer, we are fooling ourselves. We must ask ourselves honestly: Do we only engage with church only when it suits our schedule or matches our preferences? The reality of the church is bigger than ourselves; it is the reality of the infinite Lord whose church is catholic (universal). And it is through the church that Christ draws us out of ourselves into him and his Kingdom.

SUNG EUCHARIST (1982 LITURGY) AT 10.15AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn 99, Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem

The Collect for Purity Green Booklet p2

Request for Mercy (Kyrie) Booklet pp2-3

Praise for God's Presence (Gloria) Booklet pp3-4

Prayer for the Week: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson Acts 9.1-20, NT p?

Second Lesson Revelation 5.11-14, NT p?

Gradual Hymn 226, I Cannot Tell

The Gospel John 21.1-19, NT p?

The Sermon The Curate

The Nicene Creed Booklet pp5-6

Prayers of Intercession A member of the congregation

Confession and Absolution Booklet pp6-7

Sharing of the Peace Booklet p7

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn 565, Ye Servants of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Booklet pp7-12

Post Communion Prayer: Blessed God, who exists as the perfect community of persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who makes himself known in historical community and communion: we thank you for this sacramental bread and wine in which our bodies and souls have been nourished by the life of the resurrected Christ: grant that we may so love our Saviour him that we will serve his community, the church, in holiness and love. Amen

The Blessing Booklet p13

Concluding Hymn 33, Angel-Voices Ever Singing

The Dismissal Booklet p13

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Dr Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St James-the-Less, Cruden Bay, their Rector, the Revd Andrew Tucker and the farmers in the community who are lambing and calving

St Mary's Cycle of Prayer: St Mary's, Mqanduli, The Ministry Team and Congregation; St Mary's, Diss, The Revd Anthony C. Billett;

St Mary's, Carden Place: the Revd Dr James Merrick and family; the Revd Jason Hobbs; Mary McDonald; Seamus McInnes; Alistair McKenzie; Mary McKinnell; Margaret McKinnon; Morag McPetrie; Margaret Miller; Martin, Nicola and Elizabeth Mills; Penny Mutch; Sue Noble; Isobel Normington; and all who are not with us this week.