

This Week

Alan & Nikki are unavailable this week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday Worship

Monday 9:30am Churchyard 7pm Bellringing
8pm Mandolin Monday

Tuesday 12noon Jazz 6.30pm Office Hour 7:30
pm Accordion Band

Wednesday 9:00am Church cleaning 12noon
Words and Music 1.30pm Knitting

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Jazz
8pm Worship Group Practice

Friday 12noon Jazz

Saturday Grundon Room Hire

Services

Early Morning: 8am, 8.30am

Mid-Morning: 9.30am Songs of Praise
10-11am Welcome, Worship,
Word & Communion

Late Morning: 11.30am, 12pm
with lunch @ 12.30pm

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The Link 

Sunday 8 April 2018

Welcome to St John's. We hope you
enjoy worshipping with us.

Theme: The Resurrection & The Empty Tomb– Possibilities

Readings:

1Corinthians15:3 – 17

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

Matthew28:11 – 20

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, 'You are to say, "His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey



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everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Acts2: 22 – 36

'Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'"

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

Question Point to Ponder: What does the empty tomb mean to you today?

Today- Coffee is served by: Diana &

Prayer Ministry available in the Prayer Chapel during mid-morning communion.

For your prayers: The friends and family of the late Tony Sheffield and Our Worship leaders.

The Funeral of the late Tony Sheffield, will take place on Friday 20th April at 11:00am St Mark's Church Lincoln Road Peterborough. PE1 2SN. At Tony's request a Memorial Service will be held at St John's more details to be announced.

Theme for April-The Resurrection: Open to Reason

We will be looking at the Resurrection and the reasons why Jesus rising from the dead is actually the best explanation for what happened on that Easter morning!

(This will be in the form of light 'apologetics'!)

We finish the series looking at how Jesus personally raises us also in the here-and-now through faith to overcome sin.

AGM- The month finishes with our Annual General Meeting as part of our Communion service on 29th April at 10am. Here we will review 2017 and elect Churchwardens and members of the PCC to serve for 2018/19. There will also be a Children's event taking place.

ECO News



Plastic challenge: when you go shopping, take with you your own reusable bags.

General News

AGM -As we look forward to our annual general meeting at the end of April, the electoral roll is being reviewed and updated over the next few weeks. If you don't think you are already on the roll and would like to added, please ask one of the welcomers for a form.

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YA Shot Saturday 14th April 10am-7pm A one day festival to promote a love of Reading, Careers in the arts and inspire a passion for creative writing . Find out more at **www.yasot.co.uk**

Family Open Day at Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre 7th May 10am-5pm a great opportunity for all the family (aged 8 years and above) to try a range of activities including Archery, Climbing and high ropes, for those over 10 years there are water based activities including Sailing, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking. Book online by visiting **www.hoac.net** or call 01895 824 171.

Spring Concert 12th May 7:30pm Uxbridge Choral Society will be singing Karl Jenkins The Armed Man and Handel's Dixit Dominus conducted by Tim Armstrong at Bishopshalt School. Cost £14 Under-12's £7. Tickets are available from choir members on the door or **www.uxbridgechoralsociety.org.uk**

Ringin' Remembers- 1,400 Bellringers died during WW1. Honour their memory by becoming one of 1,400 new Bellringers this year, and be part of a nationwide moment by ringing on the centenary of the Armistice 11th November 2018 find out how to take part by emailing **bells@big-ideas.org**