

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 14th April 2022

Today is Maundy Thursday, the last day of Lent and the start of the Easter weekend.

It marks the night of the last supper, which Jesus took with his disciples, and where he shared communion with them and washed the disciples feet.

The last supper shows us Jesus as a servant, coming before his disciples in true humility as he washes their feet and shows them that He is headed to the cross.

But the amazing thing about Easter is that the cross also proves that Jesus is the King, that He is victorious over death and sin.

I love the verses in Philippians 2, which show us our servant King so clearly...

"Being in very nature God, (Jesus) did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Notices

Easter Services



Maundy Thursday 8pm - Tenebrae service in church and online - a reflective communion service, focusing on Jesus' last hours before the cross.

Good Friday 10am - family worship in church and online - a chance to focus on why Jesus died on the cross, and what that means for us.

Easter Sunday 10am - family celebration in church and online - time to celebrate that Jesus is alive!



Tomorrow in Trafalgar Square there will be two performances of the moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus. This is free of charge and open to everyone. The performances are at 12pm and 3.15pm.

APCM - we have our church annual meeting on **Monday 25th April at 8pm** in church. This is a chance to hear about the last year of church life, get an update on our finances, and elect new members to the PCC and other roles. Everyone is welcome to come along, but only those on the electoral roll can vote or stand for roles.

5pm and 7pm services - these services have had a really positive start again since the beginning of the year. The 5pm service is on the 2nd Sunday of each month, the the 7pm service is on the 4th Sunday of each month. These services will continue monthly for the foreseeable future.

Midweek groups - Lois is on leave next week, so all the midweek children and youth groups will start back on the week of 25th April.

Mission Prayer Meeting - the next monthly prayer meeting for our mission partners is on Wednesday 20th April 3.30pm at Mary's house or on Zoom. This is open to everyone, so please let me know if you need more details.

Unlock sponsored walk - this is happening on Saturday 23rd April and a group from St. Matt's will be going on this walk. The UNLOCK charity sends Christians to help inner city churches share the word of God in their area. The walk is 7.5 miles and calls at 6 churches in the Whitechapel, Stepney and Bethnal Green areas. If you would like to join the walk or sponsor those doing the walk, please contact Gordon for details.

Nourish Foodbank and Community Larder - both Nourish Foodbank and our community larder are seeing increased need at the moment, so please donate some food to either place if you are able to. It all goes to those who need it. Nourish have crates you can drop food into in most of the major supermarkets around town, and the larder have a crate in Lidl TW or you can bring food into church. We know that life is getting tough for lots of people, and this is a great way to help.

We look forward to seeing you over the Easter weekend.