**Parish of Stratford-upon-Avon.**

**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday 31st March 2024 Easter Day**

A very Happy Easter to you!

Easter Day 31st March 2024

8.00 Holy Trinity - Holy Communion, The Rev’d Thomas Powell will preside at this service.

9.30 St Helen’s - Holy Communion,

9.30 All Saints’- Holy Communion, The Rev’d Graham Wilcox will preside at this service

10.00 Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist with Trinity Voices

Easter Day -The Rev’d Emma Harrington will preside and the Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preach at this service

17.00 Holy Trinity – Festal Choral Evensong, The Rev’d Patrick Taylor will officiate and the Rev’d Richard Cooke will preach at this service.

Midweek Communion - Wednesday 3rd April 10.00 at the Guild Chapel

Next Week’s Services

The First Sunday After Easter 7th April 2024

9.30 St Helen’s - Morning Praise with the Phoenix Band, David Harrison will preside at this service

9.30 All Saints’- Holy Communion, The Venerable John Hall - Matthews will preside at this service

10.00 Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist, The Rev’d Diane Patterson will preach at this service

17.00 Holy Trinity - Holy Communion Traditional, The Rev’d Thomas Powell will officiate and the Venerable Brian Russell will preach at this service.

Midweek Communion - Wednesday 10th April 10.00 at the Guild Chapel

**For Your Prayers**

For the sick

Those who have recently died

Tina Ferris

Julie Hanson

Anniversary of their death

Diana Austin

Tony Young

Veronica Thorniley

Continue to pray for

Wendy Datta

Sam Datta

Sandra MacDonald

Melinda

John Baugh

Marilyn Shorey

Hilton Calcutt

Ron Hammond

Cynthia Jenkins

Suzanne Cain

Matthew Cain

Julian Buczacki

Parish Bereavement Group

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Wednesday 3 April. If you think it would help to meet with other people who are in a similar position at this difficult time in your life do come and join us. Just come to the lounge area in the Parish Centre at 2pm and we will finish by 3.30pm. There is no need to make an appointment; we will be delighted to see you. David Harrison Bereavement Team Co-ordinator

King James Bible Readings

James and Bridget Sorel - Cameron will shortly be assembling the King James Bible Reading Rota for April. The idea is that every day that the church is open there will be a reading from the King James Translation of the Bible. Those on the rota currently, will have received an email asking for your availability.

The more people we have on the rota the better. If you would like to join us on this rota, please let us know. If you might like to try to be one of readers but are nervous of your ability to read from the lectern, we can arrange for you to have some practice.

You would be under no obligation to join us, but it is a worthwile and enjoyable way to become involved.

James Sorel – Cameron sorelcameron.james@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer

The Contemplative Prayer group will next meet on Tuesday 9th April (NB NOT 2nd) in the Parish Centre at 5.30 pm. Please join us for half an hour of silent prayer together.

Calling All Team Leaders

Please will you get your report on the activities of your team during the past year (May 2023 to March 2024) to Liz Roome as soon as possible for inclusion in the Reports Booklet for the APCM.

Deadline: 19th April 2024 Send it to: lizabetsy47@gmail.com

Electoral Roll

If you regularly worship at Holy Trinity, All Saints’, St Helen’s or the Guild Chapel you are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll so you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in May. This can be done preferably via this link or by taking an application form from the back of church and returning this to me at the Parish Office.

Please note a separate form is required for each person. The deadline for doing this is Sunday 21st April. Any forms received after this date will not take effect until after the APCM.

If you were on the Roll last year you do not need to do anything. Tim Raistrick, Electoral Roll Officer

Soul Space – 15th April to 13th May 2024

Soul Space is a workshop run over 5 weekly sessions. The workshop gives the opportunity to consider the bigger questions about life, as we explore key aspects of the Christian faith. The venue for the workshop will be VASA, Arden Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Each session will run from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Weekly meetings are for anyone and take place in a relaxed informal group where you can ask anything; no question is too simple or too challenging.

Each session provides an opportunity to listen, learn, discuss and discover

 **Explore - Discover - Believe**

 Register now for our next workshop by clicking on the link and completing the form.

Luddington Village Walk

Saturday 13th April 10.00am start. Meet at Luddington village hall, parking in car park or on the road. Circular walk (about 1hr) Return via the weir to village hall for refreshments. Shorter walk to visit church and lock. To sign up click on the link giving names, contact number, indicating longer or short walk and whether a lift is required. For more information, please contact Chris Cottrell: 01789 204273 or email cottrellfamilysoa@hotmail.com. Thank you.

'Shakespeare By Women': a one-day public conference.

Friday19th April from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (arrivals from 9.30 a.m.), The Shakespeare Institute, Church Street, CV37 6HP.

Special-guest speakers: -Professor Lena Orlin, on the female experience in the Stratford-upon-Avon of Shakespeare's time. -Professor Laurie Maguire, on her research into Judith Quiney.

-Professor Lois Potter, on writing her biography of Shakespeare.

You can register in-person (for £30) or on-line (for £20). For those who attend in-person there is an opportunity to visit 'The Women Who Made Shakespeare' exhibition at New Place.

Included in both kinds of registration is the Shakespeare Birthday Lecture (presented in collaboration with the University of Birmingham), from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.for which the day's speakers make further contributions on the theme, chaired by Professor Charlotte Scott.

You can find out more via this link:

https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/visit/whats-on/shakespeare-by-women/

Planned Giving to this Parish

We are very grateful to all those who support the work of this parish, including those who give by regular Standing Order. If you are not yet part of our Stewardship Scheme for planned giving, the information you will need to set up a Standing Order and sign up for Gift Aid can be found here:

Planned Giving -Holy Trinity Church - Stratford upon Avon

Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future. Have a look at one of the websites which allow us to calculate our Eco footprint -

The Eco Footprint, Carbon Footprint and Water Footprint calculators.

**Remember. Reduce Purchases, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rot**

Finally, whilst we all try to live a life which has less negative impact on our planet we still have to live and be productive. So whilst we can follow the steps outlines above reducing our impact is a progressive exercise. Looking at the impact of our food choices is one key way to change as is the progressive change of household equipment (fridges, heaters etc) all of which now carry eco labels. Choose the equipment which utilised the least energy, turn off water taps, look for fuel efficient ways of travelling.

New technologies are constantly being introduced to help us all on our eco journeys.

There is much which each of us can do by thoughtful planning.

Happy Eco New Year

Submitting a notice for the bulletin

If you would like to submit a notice for the weekly bulletin, The deadline for submitting a notice is on Thursday at 4pm.

 Sharing the Bulletin for those not online.

People may not be aware, but each week a simplified version of the Weekly Bulletin is produced as a Word document in black and white and without pictures. If you know of someone who isn’t online, you can print a copy of the simplified bulletin for them.

A copy is also printed each week and put by the North door for people to read in church.

Pastoral Requests

If you or someone you know has a pastoral need please email contact@stratford-upon-avon.org or phone 01789 632811 and a member of the pastoral team will be in touch.

The Equip Hub is the Online Learning Platform from the Diocese of Coventry.

Through this platform you can create a Learning Plan by choosing particular topics which you are interested in exploring such as Exploring your Gifts, Everyday Faith or Leading Worship. To visit it click here.

You'll then be able to take part in online BCDM courses and short online courses. You can also access useful resources such as documents and videos as well as signing up for events and training courses.

By creating an account you will also start receiving our weekly Diocesan eBulletin which will be tailored to you based on your topics of interest. You can unsubscribe and re-subscribe to the eBulletin at any time.If you have any questions please contact Ryan.Finnegan@Coventry.Anglican.org

Foodbank

Items for the Foodbank can be left in the chest, by the servery, in Holy Trinity.