



'Connecting People with God'

28 March 2023

Dear Friends

Holy Week will soon be with us and, as ever, we have a number of opportunities to worship together as Christians across our team and in the company of those from other churches

Maundy Thursday 6 April	Holy Communion	St.Mary's	7.30 p.m.
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(followed by Vigil at 9.00 p.m.)

Good Friday 7 April	Churches Together Service	Honiton Square	12 noon
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Good Friday 7 April	Last Hour at the Cross	St.Philip's	2.00 p.m.
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Easter Eve 8 April	Easter Vigil	St.James	7.45 p.m.
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I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these services and hope that you find them helpful in complementing the worship in each of our four churches.

A heads up for after Easter when Churches Together in West Warrington are organising another prayer walk on Thursday 18 May which is Ascension Day and marks the start of the Archbishops 10 days of prayer known as 'Thy Kingdom Come'. We are invited to use this time to pray for 5 people we know who don't yet know Jesus for themselves. So do join us if you can:

9.00 a.m.	Prayers	St.Mary's
10.00 a.m.	Prayers	St.Joseph's
11.00 a.m.	Prayers and Refreshments	The Oaks
12 noon	Short service	Penketh Methodist

Further details can be found at [Thy Kingdom Come 2023 | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

Many of you will no doubt have begun to hear through our churches of the Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' (FFM) initiative. This aims to help churches in deaneries to work more closely together in mission by joining together as part of one, or two, larger parishes. I appreciate that this may be a difficult idea for us to get our heads around when we are so used to often working largely independently as churches. But if we could pool our collective gifts and skills together for the sake of God's kingdom here in Warrington, that could be very exciting! So may I invite you to attend two forthcoming deanery meetings at which there will be the opportunity to learn more about this:

Sunday 23 April	Sharing a vision for Fit for Mission	St.Paul's	6.30 p.m.
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Tuesday 13 June	Archdeacon's Visitation	St.Mary's	7.30 p.m.
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Further information can be found at [Fit For Mission - Diocese of Liverpool \(anglican.org\)](#)

Finally, I am delighted to announce that John McCreadie has started work as the youth worker at St.Mary's and St.Paul's in conjunction with Youth for Christ. He will spend his time in local high schools as well as working with young people in these two churches. Another person beginning a new ministry next month is John Perumbalath, the next Bishop of Liverpool. You are very welcome to attend his installation service on Saturday 22 April at 3.00 p.m. at the Cathedral. No tickets are required – just turn up!

May you know the hope and the joy that Jesus' death and resurrection brings this Easter season. With my prayers and best wishes.

Jeremy Tear
Pioneer Team Rector