

## **Easter 4 – May 11, 2025 (AGM)**

### **WELCOME**

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

Let us pray:

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires know and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen***

**SONG:** O God our help in ages past 415

### **CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins...

### ***Silence***

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **ABSOLUTION:**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you (us) and free you (us) from your (our) sins, heal and strengthen you (us) by his Spirit, and raise you (us) to new life in Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **SONGS:**

Everyone needs compassion 1757

**READING:** Acts 6:1 – 7;

Romans 13:8 – 10

*This is the word of the Lord:*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **COLLECT:**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

**SONG:** Make me a channel 381

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31 – 46

### **DISMISS CHILDREN**

**SERMON:** The serving church

**SONG:** Be thou my vision 42

### **INTERCESSION:**

***Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.***  
***Amen***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin  
against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

## PEACE

The Risen Christ came among his disciples and  
said: "Peace be with you". And they were  
overjoyed when they saw the Lord. **Alleluia**

The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**And also with you**

**OFFERING:** *If you prefer to contribute  
through the bank: Santander Bank account  
number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**; St.  
Saviour's Parochial Church Council. If you  
prefer, we also accept card and contactless  
offering.*

## PRAYER

Gracious God, for all you have given us,  
all you will give us and all you give us  
here and now, we offer you our thanks and  
praise. Bless this offering of our money  
and of ourselves to be used in your  
service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## BIRTHDAYS AND NOTICES

### FINAL SONG:

Beauty for brokenness 664

### PRAYER AND BLESSING

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your  
command, that all your people may be gathered  
into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen**

May the God of peace, who brought again from  
the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great  
Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the  
eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good  
work to do his will, working in you that which is  
well-pleasing in his sight;

May the blessing...

Go and live for Christ in the power of his  
resurrection.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

## NOTICES

1. **PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET  
HOME WITH YOU.** Use the prayers,  
readings and songs in your daily meditations  
this week.

2. **Thanks to all those who have been  
contributing to the FOOD BANK** with food  
and money. It is very appreciated.



3. **Please take a copy of the Good News  
Newspaper.** It is a good  
read.



4. **Summer Parish Outing** --- Clacton-on-Sea  
--- Sat. June 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost: £20

5. **Confirmation with Bishop Lynn** – July 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:30

6. **We are hoping to replace our boiler  
this summer.** The total cost for this is  
almost £8000. If you are able to help  
with this cost, we would be very  
grateful. Thanks

7. Please remember to **subscribe and use**  
 **YouTube**  **the bell** if you  
use YouTube to  
help you in your **morning and evening**  
**prayers.**

**Friday fortnight BIBLE STUDY** on zoom every  
other Friday from 7:30  
 **zoom** **Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY**  
Video Communications each week on zoom from 8pm.

### ALL ARE INVITED

- Church of England daily prayer:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in  
our world. We pray for all people who are caught  
up in war and conflicts and violence. We pray for  
peace and the laying down of weapons of war.  
We pray that you will break all the weapons of  
war and frustrate all the plans and schemes of  
those who seek war. We pray that you will hasten  
the day when you will judge between the nations  
and will settle all disputes among peoples. We  
pray for the day when they will beat their swords  
into ploughshares and their spears into pruning  
hooks.

We pray for the day when nation will not take up sword or guns or bombs against nation nor will they train for war anymore. We pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Hasten this day O God we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

### **ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER**

*I arise today,  
through God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils,  
From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill,  
afar and near.*

*Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ  
when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who  
thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who  
speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ  
in every ear that hears me. Amen*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH**

**God of mission**, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to You, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Lord God our heavenly Father**, may we never forget that the Church exists in the world not so much of her own sake but for your glory and the service of mankind.  
Save us as church people from getting wrapped up in our own affairs and the mundane things that absorb so much of our time and money and energy. Help us to get our priorities right: to seek first your kingdom and the hallowing of your name; to obey our Lord's command to preach the gospel everywhere and to everyone; to minister for his sake to the poor, the afflicted, and the oppressed;

and to practice the royal law by loving our neighbour as ourselves. Give us a new vision of what the Church should be, and of your purpose for her, here and in every place, through Jesus Christ our Lord and our Saviour. **Amen**

### **Persecuted church**

Lord Jesus Christ, you were tempted in all points as we are, yet remained steadfast and loyal to the Father's will: hear us as we remember our fellow Christians in all parts of the world whose faith is being tested today: those suffering persecution or imprisonment for the gospel's sake; those who are withstanding the antagonism and ridicule of unbelievers; and all who are tempted to turn back because the way of the cross is hard. Give them, O Lord, the courage and patience to endure; uphold and strengthen their faith; and may their witness be the means of drawing others to you as their Saviour and Lord; for your name's sake. **Amen**

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**



**If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.** Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

**For I am the Lord who heals you.** (Ex15:26)

**Cast all your cares and anxieties and worries and fears upon the LORD for he cares for you.**

(1 Peter 5:7)

**Roy and Pauline Haywood, Samuel and Pauline Bookal-Downes, Doreen, Noel Morris, Suriyakala Johnson, Attlee** (and Revd Janetta), Jean and **Walter**, Monica, **Sue, Ivy (Daisy** and family), **Veronica** and Chester, **Dolly** and Desmond, **Jean** Murphy, **Pat** and Ray Vincent, **Muriel** (and son **Simon**), **David** Martins, **Veronica** James, **Monica** and daughter (**Sheryl**), Radcliffe and **Pauline**, **Andy** and Anita, Una, Ann and Richard (*in Wales*), **Kianna** – (*Ann's granddaughter*) and her stepmum – **Lucy** and brother Ian, **Spencer** (*Sophie's son*), **Jennifer, Kay and Calvin** Brown and **Michelle** (*in Jamaica*); **Ilene** (*Hillary's mum*), **Karen** (*Hillary's sister*), **Hillary, Tia** (*Maxine's great grandniece*); **Marcia** (*Noel's sister whose husband passed away recently*), **Vicky** (*St. James School – recovering from surgery*), **Comfort, Liberty** (*and Dawn*), **Rev. Young** and family (*brother and mother*), **Vevet** Deer (*lay chair – Waltham Forest*), **Michael** Gordon...

- **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

Newham Youth for Christ

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Invitation to older people from

The UP Garden in Eric Close

A Special Invitation to older

people in the community and an opportunity to make friends, chat and enjoy being surrounded by nature

**On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - 11am to 12.30pm at The UP Garden**

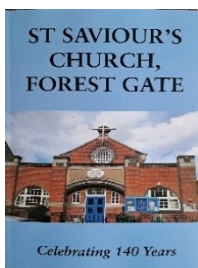
We will provide soft drinks and cakes, and we look forward to hearing any ideas you have on how you would like to enjoy the Garden in the future.

The Garden is at Eric Close laundry yard (gates between 1-4 & 5-10 Eric Close)

Forest Gate E7 0AY (Eric Close is just off Leonard Road)

Deborah will have some leaflets.

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