





Monthly Update

April 2025

(Services at St Agatha's unless otherwise stated)

| Day and Date | Time / Event | Theme / Readings | Prayers are asked for... |
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| Thursday 3 rd April | 7pm APCM ----- 8pm Drinks and nibbles in Parish Room | Our Annual Report & Accounts ----- Farewell to Kevin | Our church as we review 2024 and look forward to the future; Kevin and Lesley-Anne as they look forward to Kevin's retirement |
| Sunday 6 th April Lent 5 (Passion Sunday) | 9.30am Family Service | John 12.1-8 | St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford; residents of Mackney & Mackney Lane; The Village Hall Committee; our congregation |
| Palm Sunday 13 th April  | 10am Procession from St James' to St Agatha's | Luke 19:28-40 Luke 22:14-23.56 (Dramatised Passion Reading) | St John's RC Church, Wallingford; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; The Volunteer Centre, Centre 70 & Day Care Centres; our Sacristan and Servers |
| Mon 14 th – Wed 16 th April | 8pm Compline at Crowmarsh | Evening Lectionary | Our Sanctification during Holy Week |
| Maundy Thursday 17 th April | 7pm Last Supper  | Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 | Our friends at the Brightwell Free Church and all Christians gathered to share this blessed meal |
| Good Friday 18 th April | 11am CTWA in Market Place 2pm Last Hour at St Mary-le-More |  John 18 & 19 | "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." |
| Holy Saturday 19 th April | 8pm Easter Vigil & Renewal of Baptism Vows at Crowmarsh | Exodus 14:10-end, 15:20-21 Romans 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-24 | God's plan of salvation revealed in the Scriptures and fulfilled in Christ, that we welcome and accept him as our risen Lord and Saviour. |
| Easter Sunday 20 th April  | 9.30am Festival Communion | Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12 | The Methodist Church, Wallingford; residents of Didcot Road & Old Didcot Road; Brightwell and Wallingford Schools; our Bellingers and Sidespeople |
| Sunday 27 th April Easter 2 <i>(Kevin's Farewell)</i> | 10am Team Communion at St Mary's, Wallingford | Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 | St Mary's and St Leonard's, Wallingford; residents of Greenmere; Sotwell Hill House, Frances Curtis Court; Local House Groups |

Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays: 7.00pm Bellingring Practice (except during Holy Week)

Wednesdays: 9.00am - Morning Prayer

10am-Noon – Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room, **all welcome!**

Church News:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Farewell drinks for Kevin

Our annual meeting takes place on the evening of **Thursday 3rd April at St Agatha's from 7pm**. If you are on the Electoral Roll and cannot attend, please notify our PCC Secretary, Louise Wymer (contact details below). Thank you.

Following the meeting please join us in the Parish Room as we bid farewell to Kevin who will be retiring at the end of the month.

Holy Week and Easter

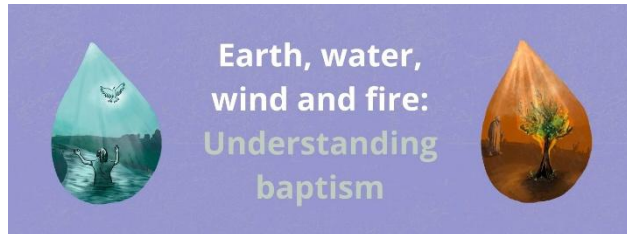
Services for Holy Week and Easter are listed over the page. You are most welcome to attend the Compline services at Crowmarsh at the start of Holy Week and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Also, please support the Churches Together Good Friday service of witness in the Wallingford Market Place at 11am. Our friends from Crowmarsh Church and Brightwell Free Church join us on Maundy Thursday to share the evening meal and worship with us at St Agatha's.

The Brightwell-based **Emmaus group** meets at **3pm on alternate Thursdays**. Contact Mina Barrett (mina.gb@icloud.com) to find out more.

Come and See during Lent!

This year we're looking at baptism and the themes of Earth, Water, Wind and Fire. It's perfect for new and old Christians alike, and can be done on your own, as a family, as a church, school or in a small group.

Everyone who registers receives a short daily email to reflect on, and a weekly video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail. Register here: <https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-2025>. We will be using the Come and See videos in our services with follow up available in our Emmaus group(s). Ask the Vicar if you'd be interested in a local Come and See group.



Diary Dates:

Sat 17th May – 2-4pm Church Spring Fair at St Agatha's

Giving:

All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are most welcome: we accept cash or cheques in the plate at the welcome desk, and also have a card reader (when the Vicar is available!). Alternatively, you can give electronically with the option of Gift Aid, use this QR code on a smart phone:



Key Contacts:

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