



Easter Experience

We look forward to welcoming school children from across Trowbridge to learn more about the Easter story in a fun and interactive way

Welcome to the April edition of our monthly newsletter.

If you are new to our church please do introduce yourself to our welcoming team and pick up a Connect Card from our welcome desk.

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Recycle
Me

Rector's Reflection



When I was 14, I was airlifted to hospital. It happened during a Duke of Edinburgh trip in the Quantock Hills. Our group was walking at the base of some cliffs when, in a freak accident, a rock was dislodged from above and came crashing down—straight onto my head. I was badly injured and needed a rescue helicopter.



Whenever I tell this story, people often look at me in disbelief. "Really?" they ask. "Yes—look," I say, "here are the scars."

After Jesus rose from the dead, he gave his disciples many convincing proofs that he was truly alive.

"Look at me," he said. "Touch me. Listen to me."

They needed to know it was real. Because if the resurrection was true, then everything changed. Fear was replaced with hope. Doubt gave way to certainty. And in the face of suffering, even death itself, they had nothing to fear.

The same is true for us. The resurrection changes everything. It rescues us from our greatest danger. It means that Christians can say, in the words of the apostle Paul,

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting"
(1 Corinthians 15:55)

Rejoice afresh in the resurrection this Easter!

Jake

Services in April

** indicates livestreamed service*

Sunday 6th April

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Sunday Worship*

Readings Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8

4.30pm: Adult Sunday School

Sunday 13th April

10.45am Sunday Worship (HC)*

Readings Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end Luke 19:28-40

4.30pm Palm Sunday Donkey Service

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Passover Supper

Friday 18th April - Good Friday

10.00am CATA Service

11.00am March of Witness

12.30pm Reflective Service

Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday

10.45am Easter Sunday Worship* (HC)

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18

Sunday 27th April

10.45am Sunday Worship*

Readings: Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-end

4.30pm Family Fellowship

St James' April Diary



For all the latest updates go to www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk/whats-on

EASTER EXPERIENCE - Monday 31st March until Friday 4th April

Tues 1st	10.30am	Fellowship and Crafts (Pat Doel's house)
Wed 2nd	2.30pm	Mothers' Union in the Church Hall
	2.30pm	Wednesday Lent Group in the Lansdown Room
Sat 5th	9.30am	Band Practice in Church
Sun 6th	12noon	Quarter Peal Attempt
Mon 7th	2.15pm	Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue
	7.00pm	Monday Lent Group in Church
Tues 8th	6.00pm	Lenten Prayer Meeting in Church
Wed 9th	2.30pm	Wednesday Lent Group in Church
Thurs 10th	6.30pm	Soup Run Duty
Sat 12th	7.00pm	Salvation Army Band Concert in Church

HOLY WEEK PLAY - Tues 15th, Wed 16th & Fri 18th 8pm in Church

Mon 14th	2.15pm	Monday Fellowship Group at Farleigh Avenue
	7.00pm	Monday Lent Group in Church
Tues 15th	10.30am	Fellowship and Crafts (Pat Doel's house)
Wed 16th	10.15am	Mothers' Union Prayers in Church
	2.30pm	Wednesday Lent Group in Church
Thurs 17th	2.00pm	Goodson Lodge Service
	6.30pm	Soup Run Duty
Sat 26th	7.00am	Trowbridge Philharmonic Concert in Church
Sun 27th	12noon	10/12 Bell Quarter Peal
Tues 29th	11.00am	Goodson Lodge Service
Wed 30th	2.30pm	Wednesday Home Group in Church



**Coffee Corner is open throughout the month:
Mon, Wed & Sat 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

We currently have various gaps on the rota, so do please have a look at this which is in the coffee corner and add your name if you can help. Keeping the coffee corner open is an integral part of St James' ministry and outreach to our wider community. *Thank you - Richard & John*

We pray for: Bob Hughes, Margaret Gilbert, Audrey Griffiths, Anne-Marie Glenn, Jeannette Worth, the Hamilton-Browns, Jan Shrapnell, Mary Brooks. *Please let Clair know of names to be added or removed.*



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Wednesday April 2nd Mothers' Union meets at 2.30pm in the Church Hall for a quiz. We will also be meeting for prayers in the church on Wednesday 16th April. All welcome.

ST JAMES' PLAYERS PRESENT

THE PATH TO GLORY

A PLAY FOR HOLY WEEK
BY PETER ENGLISH
ADAPTED BY
ANGELA GIDDINGS

ST. JAMES' CHURCH
TROWBRIDGE

TUESDAY APRIL 15th
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16th
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18th
8PM

ADMISSION FREE – RETIRING COLLECTION

HOLY WEEK PLAY

St James' Church, 8pm

Tuesday 15th April

Wednesday 16th April

Friday 18th April

The Path To Glory is the title of our Holy Week play for 2025. We hear from many of those who travelled with Jesus as they made their way to Jerusalem. Their joy and fears at what lay before them, but always their commitment to Jesus and God. We hope you'll be able to join us as we walk with them on that very special journey.

BELL NEWS: The usual Quarter Peals are planned for the 6th and 27th April after morning service. We will not be ringing during Holy Week so normal service will be resumed on Easter Sunday.

Reminder that there is a Facebook Group for The Friends of the Bells St James, Trowbridge. It has more content now so please have a look and join if it is of interest.



Bell Ringing practice takes place every Wednesday, 7pm until 9pm

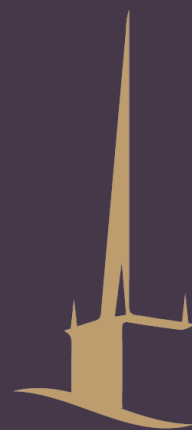
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Thursday 17th April, 7pm St James' Church. The evening begins with a simple meal together, followed by a Meditation in Music and Verse, remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his death, concluding with sharing bread and wine together. There is no charge but donations are welcome to cover cost of food. No booking required but please sign up on the sheet in church for catering purposes, thank you. *Richard & Sue East*

St James PCC Would you consider standing for the church PCC (Parochial Church Council)? Serving on the PCC is a valuable opportunity to help shape the vision and mission of our church. Your voice and ideas can make a meaningful difference! Speak to Jake if you'd like to explore it further.

Electoral Roll A reminder that the applications for the Electoral Roll 2025 will be closing on 20th April. This is a revised roll so even if you've signed up in previous years you will need to do so again. Thank you to all of you that have already registered. If you haven't yet and need help please speak with Carol Dix.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

You are invited: Tuesday 13th May, 7.30pm with fish and chip supper from 6.30pm. For more information and to sign up please go to the website.



Storehouse Foodbank



The foodbank continues to be extremely busy, especially as people are still struggling with the cost of living.

With the approaching Easter holidays, some families are going to have increasing food worries as the children will not be receiving a school dinner for over two weeks.

Currently the need is for UHT milk, full fat and semi-skimmed, sugar and coffee. Tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding and individual jelly pots. Tinned meat such as corned beef, spam, ham as well as tinned meat meals, such as chilli con carne, chicken in white sauce, chicken stew etc. Rice- boil in the bag or microwave rice is particularly useful. Spreads e.g. peanut butter, marmite, chocolate spreads and jam to go on bread or toast.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of this vital service.
Ann Cook



OUR CHARITY FOCUS FOR APRIL & MAY

Bible Society, working both internationally as well as in the UK, continues to translate the Bible to make it accessible in people's heart languages. Through representatives worldwide, the Bible is brought into public spaces where its voice can be heard, and its stories told with the purpose of encouraging people who've never thought the Bible was for them to explore it for themselves. In the UK many people don't think the Bible is relevant to them, but Bible Society is determined to change that. In many other parts of the world, the key barrier to people engaging with the Bible is availability.

Bible Society's resources are aimed to help local churches engage more deeply with Scripture, including the work and ministry of Open the Book which aims to share Bible stories in primary schools with a generation almost entirely unfamiliar with them. Bible Society states that hundreds of incredible volunteers and creative storytelling teams have shared

ageless Bible stories in thousands of primary schools. They have created lasting memories, sparked the imagination, given hope, taught important lessons, connected generations and touched the hearts of countless young people and their teachers. We are so grateful to them.

Open the Book turns 25 in 2025. Fiona, a member of the Open the Book staff team at Bible Society, says: "Jesus was a master storyteller, and his stories have greatly impacted my life, since I was a child. It is a huge privilege to be involved with Open the Book and pass my love of the Bible on".

St James' Open the Book Team takes Bible Stories into the primary schools on a regular basis in both Trowbridge and Keevil. The commitment of each member of our team is paramount to the success of sharing God's word in such meaningful and powerful ways.

PRAYER POINT: Please pray that Open the Book continues to flourish, to sow seeds of faith in young lives and to share these important, timeless stories over the next twenty-five years, even as the landscape of our world changes. Pray too for energy and protection of the St James' team in this important ministry.

The next Bible Society fund raising event is a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 19th April 2025 10-12noon at Wesley Road United Church. All welcome to attend. *Barbara King, Len & Emie Haysom*

3, 2, 1, GO!

St James' Church
Holiday Club

May Half Term

Fun, creative activities
& Bible stories

Contenders, are you ready?

Join us for another week of fun, friendship and finding out more about Jesus, at our annual church holiday club, for Primary school aged children.

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th May

9.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 1st June

10.45am Finale followed by family BBQ

£15 for first child, £10 for siblings

To book, scan the QR code below, or go to the church website

www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk

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ST JAMES' CHURCH
TROWBRIDGE

Children & Families



The St James' Holiday Club is back! This year it's called 3, 2, 1 Go! and is happening from May 28th - May 30th plus the 1st June Finale in church. The week is for primary school aged children.

Join us for a week of friendship making, fun activities and finding out more about who Jesus is.

Families, we'd love your children to come and wonder whether they might have any friends who would like to come. Grandparents, would any of your grandchildren or great Grandchildren like to come?

Book in by going onto our website or use the QR code on the advert. Or if you'd like any further information about the week, then please chat to me or email me.

nick@stjamestrowbridge.co.uk

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Saturday 12th April

9.30 - 11am

St James' Parish Church Hall

Toys for the Kids | Tea, Coffee + Great Food
Meet other Dads

Second Saturday of each month



st James' Tots

Wednesdays 10-11.30
in St James' Church Hall



St James' Tots will be taking a break for the Easter Holidays, the last session will be on Wednesday 2nd April and we will be back again on Wednesday 23rd April.

Why not join us at Palm Sunday Donkey service at 4.30pm on Sunday 13th April and don't miss our Easter Day service on Sunday 20th April followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Palm Sunday Donkey Service



**Sunday 13th
April
4.30pm**



Join us for songs,
stories and a real
donkey!

Save the Date!

St James' & St Leonard's



ST JAMES' CHURCH
TROWBRIDGE

Church Away Day

Saturday 12th July 2025
at St Barnabas Church, Beanacre

Plus a Fellowship Lunch together on Sunday 13th
Look out for more details coming soon!

Mark your calendars! Our Church Away Day is happening on Saturday 12 July at St Barnabas, Beanacre. The morning will feature teaching from a guest speaker, followed by a delicious lunch included in the cost of the day. In the afternoon, choose from a range of activities—games, sport, art, conversation, or simply enjoying afternoon tea together.

Then, on Sunday 13 July, join us for a fellowship lunch after church, which will also be a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new curate, Chris Adams, and his family.

More details to come, but for now—save the dates!

St Leonard's Keevil



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9.15am Sunday Worship

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Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

9.15am Sunday Worship (HC)

Readings: Psalm 118:1-3, 19-end Luke 19:28-40

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Passover Supper

Friday 18th April - Good Friday

2.00pm Vigil

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day

9.15am Sunday Worship (HC)

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18

Sunday 27th April

9.15am Sunday Worship (MP)

Readings: Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-end

Coming up this month at St Leonard's

Saturday 12th April 9am - 11am Breakfast in church

We will be holding a **Maundy Thursday** supper at 7pm in the church on April 17th. If you would like to join us please let Debbie know. On Good Friday, 18th, there will be a vigil held in the church at 2pm.

Feel free to come along and join us.