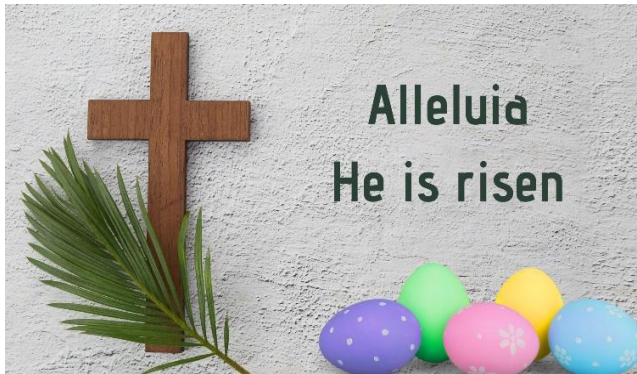




STOKE ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Notice Sheet

21st April 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Alleluia
He is risen

Mission Statement

Loving God
Learning God's ways
Living for others

A warm welcome to you all to our services,
especially to visitors or new worshippers.

Collect

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.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the
good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and
rise again:

keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Weekly Diary

Monday & Tuesday

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion

Wednesday 7pm

Bell ringing

Thursday 10am

Mikes Tikes

Thursday 2pm

Janet's Home Group

Friday 7pm

Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

Mother's Union

2nd May

Quiz

4th May 7pm

Lunch Club

19th May

ACTS 4 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Next Sunday – 28th April The Fifth Sunday of Easter		Next Sunday's Readings
8.00am	Holy Communion	Acts 8. 26-end
9.30am	All Age Service	John 15. 1-8
11.00am	Holy Communion	

This Week's Gospel

JOHN 10 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

PCC and ACPM

Our annual meeting will take place after service on Sunday 12th May. There will be an additional PCC meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the centre.

Books to Borrow

Following discussion at a recent PCC meeting, we now have introduced a bookshelf at the back of Church behind the font. You are welcome to take a book or books home to read and return them to the bookshelf when you have finished with them. This will enable others to borrow the books.

The books are mainly fiction, however there are some autobiographies on the bottom shelf. We have sufficient donations for the time being, therefore please do not leave additional books at Church as we do not have any storage space. If you have any comments please contact Audrey at audreyalldrick@aol.com or any PCC member.

Confirmation

If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please talk to Rev Claire.

Coventry Foodbank

Foodbank are in great need of the following food items: **Tinned meat and fish, jam, vegetarian options, condiments, fruit juice, squash.**

To donate with a monetary donation, please use the following link

<https://coventryfoodbank.org.uk/>

Thank You for your Parish Share Contribution

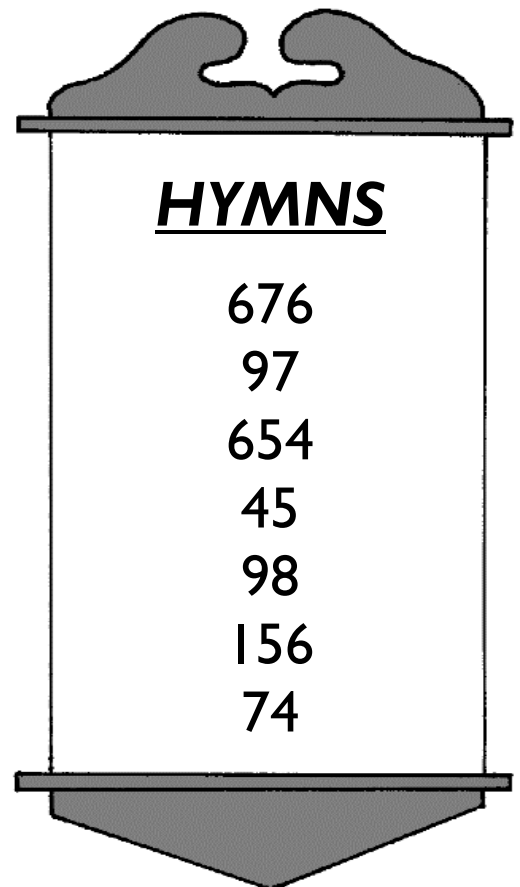
The Diocese of Coventry have written to you all to thank you for your continued generosity. Together, parishes in the Diocese of Coventry gave £5,214,158 in Parish Share in 2023 which continues to enable a Christian presence in every part of our diocese. You can find the letter at the back of church if you would like to read it in full.

Please pray for The Sick

Meg Hayles	Shannon
Hayden Jones	Tom Holland
Jerry Taffe	Philip Sergeant
Lynn Sergeant	Sue Baxter
Sarah Hopper	Sam
Carol Wood	Matt Spicer
Margaret Haughton	Lynda
Geraldine Hayes	Mick Roberts
Sarrha	Nathan
Adela Carter	Beverley Ellis
Ray Carter	Ryan Carr
Russell Charly	Martine Chiverton

The Departed

Irene Johnson



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