

Please remember in your prayers

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



Easter Fair

Thanks to all who helped (in any way) to make Easter Monday a terrific Community Day for our village.

The early indication on the monetary side is that church benefitted by £1,800.

Easter Monday Fair Meeting

There will be an open meeting to discuss this year's Fair – the positives and the negatives – at 7.45pm, after the Eucharist, on Tuesday 14th May. This will aid planning for next year.

All Welcome

Charity Car Wash

There will be a car wash at Bilbrook & Codsall fire station on Saturday 4th May, 10am-2pm. In aid of the Lullaby Trust (safer sleep for babies and support for families) and Fire Fighter charity.

It's a Girl!

Phoebe Belinda Alice Evans arrived safely on Wednesday evening. 8lb 3oz, and she's lovely!

Mike

Songs of Praise – next Sunday

Please complete a form and return it asap (today if possible!)

Donations to 'The Well'

Another **17.35kg** of much needed food and supplies has been delivered to 'The Well' Food Bank and will be distributed to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity.

Pendeford Fun Run

Saturday 11th May, contact the Oasis café.

Coach trip to Cardiff

Please note corrected date!

Saturday 8th June, £15per person.

Contact Dawn Corfield (753433)



The Church of England

Holy Cross Church

The church at the heart of our community

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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



Sunday 28th April

Easter 2

10.45am Sung Eucharist

(Celebrant: Revd Jim Perry)

Hymns for Sung Eucharist

Introit: **46** At the name of Jesus (Camberwell)

Gradual: **522** To God be the glory

Offertory: **508** This is the day

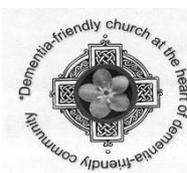
Communion: **69** Breathe on me, breath of God (Trentham)

204 He is Lord

Recessional: **532** We have a gospel to proclaim

This Week

Mon	29	
Tues	30	2pm Craft Group 7pm Eucharist
Wed	1	6.30pm Friendship Club
Thur	2	9.30am Eucharist 10am Coffee Pop-In 7.30pm Churches Together Meeting (St Christopher's)
Fri	3	
Sat	4	10am Place of Welcome 10am – 2pm Car Wah at Fire Station
Sun	5	9am Eucharist 10.45am PRAISE Worship 'Songs of Praise'



During May we are thinking about those living with dementia and their carers

Second Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING Acts 5.27–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4–8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 20.19–31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday 28th April 10.45am

Welcomers: Jean H, Jean M

Reader: Mike

Prayers: Carole

Offertory: Jill, Jean H, Sheila

Assist: Rebecca, Carole

Pebbles: Mike

Sunday 5th May 9am

Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist: Mike

Sunday 5th May 10.45am

Praise Service

Welcomers: Gill, Jill

Reader: Rebecca

Prayers: Mark