

KESTON PARISH CHURCH

MONTHLY PEW SHEET

April 2025



Sun	6th Apr	10am	Passion Sunday HC Service
Mon	7th Apr	7.40 am 8 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion (said) Lent Group (session 5)
Tue	8th Apr	10 am – 12 noon 3.30 pm	MESSY Church Lent Group (session 5)
Fri	11th Apr	2.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	13th Apr	10am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service
Mon	14th Apr	7.40 am 8 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion (said) Lent Group (session 6)
Tue	15th Apr	3.30 pm 6.45pm 7.30 pm	Lent Group (session 6) Holy Communion (said) PCC Meeting
Wed	16th Apr	9.30am 7 pm	Prayer Walk Men's Group @ Greyhound
Thu	17th Apr	6pm 7 pm 8 pm	Supper Together in Church hall Mauddy Thursday HC Service One hour Vigil
Fri	18th Apr	10 am 10.40 am	Walk of Witness from Village Sign Short non-communion service Hot Cross buns + tea/coffee
Sun	20th Apr	10am	Easter Day Holy Communion Service with Prayer for Healing & Wholeness Children's Easter Egg hunt
Mon	21st Apr		No Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Fri	25th Apr	2.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	27th Apr	10am	Holy Communion Service

Please return completed electoral forms by 28th April to the church

Mon	28th Apr	7.40 am 8 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion (said)
Tue	29th Apr	12.30 pm	Social lunch Triple 222
Fri	2nd May	2.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	4th May	8 am 10 am	BCP HC (1662) Celebrational Worship (non communion)
Mon	5th May	7.40 am 8 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion (said)

WELCOME to this service today, especially if you are a visitor. Hope you leave feeling blessed and minded to come again. If you use a hearing aid, please put it to the "T" setting. Large print copies of the service are available – please ask.

HOLY COMMUNION is offered every Sunday at 10am (except the first Sunday of the month when it is at 8am) & each Monday morning at 8am in this Parish Church. At Communion we come together as members of the one Body of Christ. ***Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table, the table of Jesus Christ.*** If you require a gluten free wafer please inform one of the welcomers or the rector before the service. The wine is offered by the Common Cup, in line with the Canons of the Church of England, and as Jesus offered it to his disciples. Post-Covid, the practice of administering the wine by 'intinction' has persisted, with an assumption that it is more hygienic. Intinction is where, in our church, the rector will dip the wafer into the wine, before offering it with the exhortation 'the Body and Blood of Christ'. There is no proven research which says that intinction is more hygienic than the Common Cup. Scientific research has shown that the risk of infection from the Common Cup is minimal, not least by the priests who over many centuries have been consuming all the wine after many communicants had drunk from the same cup. Cathedrals with large congregations have largely returned to the Common Cup and do not permit intinction under any circumstances. Receiving in one kind is to receive the sacrament in its entirety. When invited to approach the table: please come up **first** if you wish to receive from the **Common Cup**. If you wish to receive **by intinction** please follow the guidance of the sidespeople. If you want a **blessing**, come at either time and **bring your service booklet with you** and bow your head.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS – These are important landmarks in the life of any family. Your Parish Church is here to mark these important times with you. Baptisms, also called christenings can be conducted at any age – please ask. Confirmation is the next step if you were baptised as a child or an infant, and is usually offered just after you start Secondary School and is when you make the promises for yourselves. Don't worry if you have passed that age, God always welcomes you. If you get baptised as an adult, you will usually be invited to be confirmed at the same time. **Preparation for our next Confirmation service will commence towards the end of April, after Easter. Please speak to Reverend Belinda to register your interest.** Reverend Belinda can be contacted on 01689 853186 or by email rector@kestonparishchurch.org.uk regarding any of the above.

NEW!!!! CONFIRMATION CLASSES – A new group of confirmation classes are due to take place in late April/May. If you are over the age of 12 and would like to become a Christian, confirmation is for you. Please let Belinda know if you would like to join the group. We are looking at possibly four 1.5hour sessions or 3 two-hour sessions.

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SERVICE is Celebrational Worship and is a non- Communion service including contemporary hymns and songs. It is a service of the Word (built around the Word of God in scripture) and is intergenerational and suitable for all the family. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are offered after the service. All are very welcome. Bring a friend.

MONDAY - MORNING PRAYER @ 7.40am followed by HOLY COMMUNION @ 8am (½ hour). A good start to the week as we place our week in God's hands. We pray for the needs of our Parish, its Church and its Community. Please do pop by on your way to work. There is a free car park while you attend. All are very welcome.

EASTER LILIES – If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please put your name on the list and include a £4 donation.

PRAYER WALKS – Every **1st Tuesday & 3rd Wednesday of the month, Tue 1st Apr & Wed 16th April, then Tue 6th & Wed 21st May.** Please come along with or without a dog, and enjoy a good chatter, then stop, reflect and pray. We assemble at 9.30 am on Commonside

on the green near the Greyhound Pub, and usually end up at/in Heathfields at 11ish to have a 'cuppa'.

MESSY CHURCH – TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 10 AM – 12 NOON. Please tell all your friends about this event, where we have crafts, activities, Church celebrations with music, and a lunch. All ages are welcome.

FRIENDS OF WELCARE have a fundraising event with the play 'Labour of Love' by James Graham, at Bromley Little Theatre, on Thursday 10th April at 7.45 pm. Tickets £12 each from Alison Dockray on 0208 776 5584 or aliray1@hotmail.com

MEN'S PUB SOCIAL – Every 3rd Wednesday of the month **16th April & 21st May** at the Greyhound pub at 7 pm.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper

6 pm – Please bring your own meal to eat together in the Church Hall

7 pm – Holy Communion Service in Church with washing of feet – please let the Rector know if you would be willing to have your feet washed

8 pm – One hour vigil (stay as long as you want)

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

10 am – Walk of Witness from Keston Village Sign to Keston Church

All ages welcome together with dogs!

10.40 am – Short non-Communion service which includes a dramatic Reading followed by Hot Cross buns and tea/coffee

Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday

10 am – Easter Day Holy Communion with Bishop Simon Burton-Jones

Followed by Easter Egg hunt for the children

HEALING & WHOLENESS ON 3RD SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE – On the third Sunday of each month, (**20th Apr & 18th May**) just after taking Communion there is the opportunity to go through to the foyer where church members will be happy to pray with and for you.

CHURCH SOCIALS – the next Church get together is a lunch on **Tuesday 29th April** at the Triple Two Coffee shop on Commonsides at 12.30 pm. Please put your name on the list if you would like to come along. Then there will be an evening meal at the Greyhound Pub on Wednesday 11th June.

APCM – Sunday 18th May at 11.15 am following refreshments and cakes after the Sunday morning service. All are welcome – come and have your say on how your church runs. Tell us if you have any ideas to make things better for you and everyone.

WINTERSHALL PLAYERS, Bramley, Guildford – Thursday 19th, Friday 20th & Saturday 21st June. The Life of Christ is performed every June at Wintershall with a cast of over 100.. The productions are a perfect opportunity to encounter the drama of biblical events of the life of Christ. Tickets are £35. If you are interested in going with a group from Church, there is a sign up sheet, As you do have to walk around a little, most people take fold up chairs to sit and watch each performance, and take your own refreshments.

OUR SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT - We want our church to be a safe place for everyone – a place where the love of God shines through all we do. Therefore, in accordance with the Government, the Church of England, the Charity Commission and our insurance company, our workers/volunteers are safely recruited (including DBS check if legally eligible), regularly trained and we adhere to Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. Our Safeguarding Officer is Steff Nash please speak to him if you have any questions or concerns or contact him on safeguarding@kestonparishchurch.org.uk

6th April – Passiontide

**Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world;
Lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
That we may know eternal peace through the shedding of
our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21; John 12: 1 – 8 (NRSV Bible)

13th April – Palm Sunday

**True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah;
Grant us the faith to know you and love you,
That we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,
Which is the path of glory. Amen**

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a; Luke 23: 1 – 49 (NRSV Bible)

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

**God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
And drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table
Watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen**

Exodus 12: 1 – 4, 11 – 14; John 13: 1 – 17, 31b – 35 (NRSV Bible)

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

**Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin
And the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place
at his feet all that we have and all that we are,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Dramatic reading

20th April – Easter Day

**God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains
of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new
day has dawned and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Acts 10: 34 – 43; Luke 24: 1 – 12 (NRSV Bible)

27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

**Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.**

Acts 5: 27 – 32; John 20: 19 – end (NRSV Bible)