

PARISH DIARY

Sun 20th Easter Day	8.15 am Morning Prayer (CC) 9.15 am Easter Morning Parish Eucharist (CC) followed by refreshments This service is also available live on our Facebook page
Mon 21st Easter Monday	
Tue 22nd Tuesday of Easter Week	
Wed 23rd Wednesday of Easter week	8.30 am Tea & Toast (CC) 10.30 am Midweek Eucharist (HT)
Thu 24th Thursday of Easter Week	4.00 pm Holy Hour (CC)
Fri 25th Friday of Easter Week	
Sat 26th Saturday of Easter Week	
Sun 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.15 am The Eucharist followed by refreshments (CC) 11.00 am The Eucharist followed by refreshments (HT) This service is also available live on our Facebook page



Forthcoming Meetings

7.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Holy Trinity

Monday 28th April - Standing Committee

Monday 12th May - Pastoral Care Team

Sunday 18th May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 26th May - Parochial Church Council



Mission Collection
this week

SAMARITANS
Telford

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(Telford)

WELCOME To all who join us for worship this week



At services of Holy Communion we invite all full or communicant members of Christ's church to share with us in the Holy Sacrament.

At Christ Church our celebrant is Revd Heather and at Holy Trinity our celebrant is Fr David.



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To Book Weddings and Baptisms

Come to the Church Office at Holy Trinity Church, Hadley on any Monday (except Bank Holidays) 6.30 ~ 7.30 pm or ☎ 273515 or ✉ office@oneparish.org

Would you like to Hire our Meeting Room at Holy Trinity?

The Meeting Room is available to hire for Meetings, Family Parties and other occasions. Further details and a Booking Enquiry Form are available in the Contact section of our website: oneparish.org.uk/contact/ or contact Ann Jones on ☎ 07866 142096 or ✉ anncm_jones@live.co.uk

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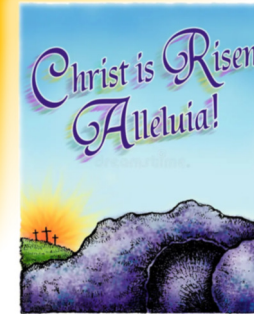
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The Parish of Hadley Holy Trinity and Wellington Christ Church

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to serve the people of Apley, Hadley, Leegomery, Arleston and South Wellington



20th April 2025

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Easter Day

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen

Readings and Hymns

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18



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Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For People:

For Arjan; Eileen; Geoff; Harrison; Jenny; Jo and Mart; Linda; Lynn and Bernard; Peter and Shirley; Terry and Sue; Tom;

Our Community and Nation:

For families as they struggle to meet the challenge of rising inflation, and for the government and trade unions as they attempt to reconcile their differences in the current economic climate.

Our World:

Those affected by earthquakes, wild fires and other weather related disasters.

The people of Ukraine, the Middle East and other areas of conflict, especially those attempting to bring peace and reconciliation.

Our Mission Collection:

Samaritans (Telford) have been providing emotional support since the branch was founded in 1975 and their vision is for a society in which:

- Fewer people die by suicide.
- People are able to explore their feelings.
- People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

Samaritans support everyone. Their name is an historical accident dating from when the Daily Mirror first found out about their service, they described them as "Good Samaritans", and the name stuck.

Our Church and Parish:

For the parish clergy, PCC, congregations and all residents of our parish as we celebrate Easter.

The Faithful Departed:

For Alexander Hart and Barry Owen;

Holy Hour

Christ Church ☒ Thursday @ 4.00 pm

An opportunity to pray, to wait and to listen, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Death, But Not As We Know It

The other day, I recalled a controversial Easter sermon I gave early on in my time here. I say controversial because afterwards two people questioned my use of the phrase "God was dead".

Of course I don't believe God is dead, I think my bishop would have something to say about it! I was however referring to the events of Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

We believe that Jesus is God, right? And we know that Jesus died on the cross, so God was dead. Are you with me?

So think of Jesus, lying dead in his tomb where his friends put him and sealed it off, or so our mortal minds would have us believe, but thankfully the highly contentious events of Easter morning lie ahead. But according to the tradition Jesus is not lying around awaiting resurrection but already doing the work of salvation.

According to some theologians it is to the harrowing depths of Hell where Jesus went, and to get to Hell, what do you have to do? You have to die. Before that first Easter Day, to die was to descend to the darkest depths. Death meant death. What was Jesus doing there? Well, having trampled the gates of hell, Jesus rescued those that had died before him and descended to the depths. He liberated all those lost to death and were awaiting rescue. I've heard Jesus here described as a "reverse bouncer"

A version of this can be found in the icon of the Anastasis found in Eastern Orthodox churches. Think of the words "he descended to hell" that we say every time we recite the Apostles creed.

Jesus died, therefore God was dead. But it wasn't a death like we know it. It was an active death. A death that rescued all those souls. Imagine them shaking off their chains as they were released. It's a death that was active then and active now as we too are promised the saving actions of Jesus through our faith in him.

Unsurprisingly, I stand by what I said. Death is different now. It's not how we imagine it to be, as a final act of our lives. Through faith in Jesus, our death is merely a hiccup in a continuation of life, but life in the eternal love of the God who always rescues.

So however I deliver the good news of Easter the message is still the same every time: Have no fear, no matter who you are, no matter what you've done, no matter what's been done to you, rescue is at hand, your chains will fall away and you will emerge from what you thought was infinite darkness into the eternal light you were created for.

Happy Easter!

Fr Stuart Howes

Christ Church Wellington

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We're making a swathe of poppies for display on VE Day on 8th May, VJ Day in August and Remembrance in November.

All poppies donated will be used and there will be a 'sewing on' event at Holy Trinity. Details to follow.
Rosemary