



The Lion

A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's, Basford

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April 2026

To my dear friends in the Lord and others too, how quickly time flies. Julie rang today, and I'm glad she did, to ask if I had remembered that it was my turn to write a few words for the April newsletter! Thankyou Julie for reminding me!

It's a little early to wish you all a Happy Easter yet in a few days' time it will be that time of the year when we celebrate with joy as we call out 'Alleluia, Christ is risen.' 'He is risen indeed' is the reply.

I well remember my childhood spent at home with my parents and elder brothers. Easter was my father's favourite time of the ecclesiastical year. He would rise early on Easter Day to turn on the 'wireless' at 6am. His children would still be sleeping soundly, but not for long; the BBC always opened on Easter Day with that wonderful Easter hymn 'Jesus Christ is risen today.' I can't say my older brothers appreciated being woken up in what they considered an unearthly hour!

Next week is Holy Week the time our thoughts turn towards Christ's arrest, his awful suffering and journey to the cross.

Please make time to come to one of the services offered this next week. They are listed on the notice sheet. Four of us will be travelling to Lichfield Cathedral on Maundy Thursday to join other Christians as we remember/imagine we are sitting with our Lord in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. We hear again his last words over the bread and wine 'This is my body...this is my blood'.

After the sadness of Good Friday and the quietness of Easter Eve we reach that great festival, we have been waiting for Easter Day. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Another wonderful hymn written by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty in 2003 is 'See what a morning gloriously bright with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem, folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light as the angels announce Christ is risen'

This wonderfully joyful hymn describes the joy of the empty tomb, Mary's discovery and the fulfilment of God's salvation plan, the victory of the cross over death and the hope of all believers.

Happy Easter to you all and God bless.

Revd Pat. X

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Worship Services during April

1 st	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
2 nd	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	HC+ foot washing+ vigil
3 rd	Good Friday	2:00pm	Last hour Meditation
4 th	Easter Eve	6:00pm	Vigil / HC / Party
5 th	Easter Day	10.00am	Holy Communion
7 th	Tuesday	11.30am	Funeral
8 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
12 th	2nd of Easter	10.00am	Holy Communion
15 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Matins
19 th	3rd of Easter	10.00am	Family Worship
22 nd	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
24 th	Friday	12.45pm	Funeral
26 th	4th of Easter	10.00am	Holy Communion
29 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Matins



Holy Week

Holy Week Programme

Wednesday of Holy Week – 10.30am HC (BCP)

Maundy Thursday – 7.30pm HC + Foot Washing
+Vigil

Good Friday – 2.00pm Last hour Meditation

Easter Eve – 6.00pm Vigil / HC / Party

Easter Sunday – 10.00am Holy Communion

Diary Dates for April

4 th	Saturday	10:00am	Church Clean
15 th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
22 nd	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
27 th	Monday	7:00pm	APCM
29 th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group

Early May Dates

6 th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
9 th	Saturday	2:00pm	Wedding
10 th	Sunday	12:00pm	Parish Lunch
13 th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
16 th	Saturday	10:00am	Quiet Day
16 th	Saturday	10:00am	Repair Cafe

Spring clean:

It's that time of year where we fling open the windows and have a good clean and sort out. So, if you could spare an hour or so, please join us here on **4th April at 10.00am**. Remember many hands make light work.



House Group:

The House group will be reconvening on **Wednesday throughout April at 7:15pm**. We will be looking at the great prayers of the bible. For more information, please speak to Janet.