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This week's service

Sunday 28th April 2024

This week's reading

Today's service is led by Nigel Worth





Matthew 16:13-16

# A thought from Nigel

Who is Jesus Christ?

Many people struggle to understand and recognise who he is.

A Good man, A King, A Fraud, Son of God? Today we are going to look together at Who Jesus is, unpicking some of the signs along the way.

## Prayer for the week

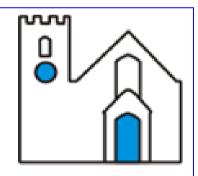
Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve. to the alory of God the Father. Amen

#### Church Restoration

A small group of people have been working on the requirements to repair and restore the church building. Using the Quinquennial report, Surveyors' and Architects' reports – we need to raise £250,000 to complete the works.

We have decided to apply for a Heritage Lottery Grant and have begun the process of collating information and completing application forms.



We are keen for this work to include the wider community as well as the church people, so we are considering using the repairs suggested to the church porch entrance first as a method of communicating and starting our project. Using it as a means of physically showing our intent and seeking wider community involvement.

To repair the porch, we are estimating it will cost approximately £12,500, of which the current building fund has £3,500. So, we would like your help!



We would like you to consider giving or loaning (interest free) money to enable us to proceed with this initial works. The grant we are applying for, we hope if successful, will cover most if not all of the building works left to complete.

Please speak with me or any of the PCC members if you are able to help towards this Porch Fund of £9,000.

Maybe in a few months' time we will have plans and details available for you to look over, so that you are fully aware of everything that's happening.

Thankyou Nigel Worth Church diary for the next month

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Funeral of Janet McGarry followed by burial

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm Wedding of David Cotton and Heidi Robey

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10:45 Morning Worship with Nigel Worth

7pm Sunday Night Live

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev Patrick Doualas

1pm Baptism of Molly Mae Cutter

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10:45 Holy Communion with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10:45 Morning Worship with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev Patrick Douglas

## Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Christine
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Deb P
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Jane
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Bill
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Brian Redfern
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Val & Andrew
9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Christine

# RefreshmentsRota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service. We have a

rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk.

Thank you

21st Apr	Christine
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Deb W & Alicia
5 <sup>th</sup> May	James
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Carol
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Maxine & Jane
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Christine
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Deb W & Alicia
9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Carol

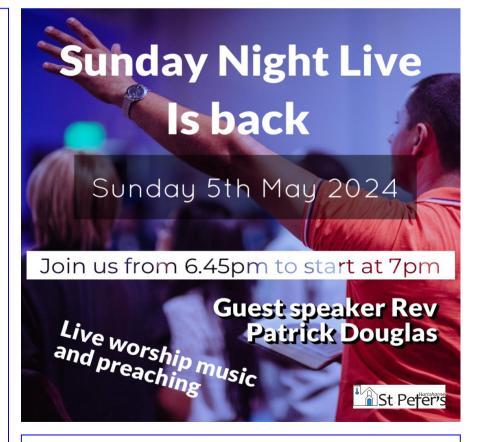
### Just Like A Woman

For the first time ever, the small rural congregation had a woman as its Minister. The congregation had a tradition that the senior Deacons always took their new Minister out for a day's fishing during his first week at the Chapel. With some trepidation, therefore, they invited the new woman Minister to join them.

On the day appointed when they had rowed out to the middle of the lake, the woman minister realised that she had forgotten to bring her rods. Apologising for this, she just stepped over the side of the boat, and walked across the surface of the water to the bank, picked up her rods and walked on the water back to the boat.

One deacon turned to the other and said: "Now isn't that just like a woman - forgetting her rods like that".

From Christian Crackers by Phil Mason



### A Grace

Lord, make me not like porridge, stiff and difficult to stir; but like cornflakes, ready and quick to serve.

