

## Worship this Month in our churches:

### St Paul's, Tadley:

| Date:                      | Sunday Services  |
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| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | 9am Holy Communion (Steve)<br>10.15am Café Worship with Tyler Bowley's Baptism (Steve) |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 10.00am Messy Church (Elizabeth and MC team)   |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April | 9am Holy Communion (Rob)<br>10.15am Morning Worship (Rob and Myles)                    |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April | 9am Holy Communion (Steve)<br>10.15am Holy Communion (Steve and Chris)                 |

### St Luke's, Pamber Heath:

| Date:                      | Wednesday Services                    |
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| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 10am Holy Communion (Cathy)           |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Holy Communion (Cathy and Myles) |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Holy Communion (Cathy)           |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Holy Communion (Cathy)           |

### St. Marys, Tadley:

| Date:                      | Sunday and Wednesday Services   |
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| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 10am Midweek Holy Communion (Charles and Steve)   |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | 10.30am Morning Worship (Charles and Myles)   |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Midweek Holy Communion (Karen and Chris)   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 10.30am Holy Communion (Cathy and Charles)  |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Midweek Holy Communion (Charles and Steve)   |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April | 9am RISE (Chris and the RISE Team)<br>10.30am Holy Communion (Steve and Chris)            |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Midweek Holy Communion (Charles and Rob)   |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April | 10.30am Holy Communion (Karen and Charles)<br>11.30am Tadley North APCM (Steve and Chris) |

### St Mary the Virgin, Silchester:

| Date:                      | Sunday and Wednesday Services  |
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| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | 8am BCP Holy Communion (Karen)<br>10am First Sunday Worship (Karen and Em)   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Holy Communion (Karen)<br>6pm Stillness on Sunday (Eve)                 |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April | 10am Morning Prayer (Colin)<br>11.30am Silchester APCM (Steve, Karen, Chris) |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April | 11.30am Holy Communion (Cathy)   |

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### April Newsletter

#### Our Clergy, LLMs and Benefice Administrator

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This month we begin the season of Annual Meetings, an important moment in the church calendar. These meetings allow us to take stock of all the ways God has blessed us over the last year. For example, the many thousands who came to our Coronation Party on The Green, the completion of St. Mary's Building Project and the arrival of Rev Chris, Rev Karen and Virge Routledge to name just three!

These meetings also allow us to look forward with hope and optimism of what God will do over the next year as well as appointing our new church councils. Christ calls us to unity, yet we will never agree on everything. But the role of our PCCs is to consider what ++Justin describes as good disagreement. Together PCC members represent the whole church, holding to the vision of the ministry and mission of the parish for the good of the community.

In AD 325 Emperor Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea. More than 300 bishops came from all over the Christian world to debate the nature of the Holy Trinity. Arius, from Egypt, was teaching that Jesus the Son was not equal to God the Father – it was one of the early church's most intense theological questions. He forcefully argued his position at length. As Arius continued, Bishop Nicholas became more and more agitated. Finally, he could no longer bear it. The outraged Nicholas got up, crossed the room, and slapped Arius across the face!

The bishops were shocked. It was unbelievable that a bishop would lose control and be so hot headed in such a solemn assembly. They brought Nicholas to Emperor Constantine. He agreed that the bishops should strip Nicholas of his bishop's garments, chain him and throw him into jail. That would keep Nicholas away from the meeting... Or so they thought. *Cont.*

Nicholas was ashamed and prayed for forgiveness, though he did not waver in his belief. He claims that during the night, Jesus appeared, asking, "Why are you in jail?" "Because of my love for you," Nicholas replied. When the jailer came in the morning, he found the chains loose on the floor and Nicholas dressed in bishop's robes, quietly reading the Bible. Nicholas was then fully reinstated as a Bishop and continued to argue his point, and against the view shared by Arius, until the Council of Nicaea agreed with him. The work of the Council produced the Nicene Creed which to this day we recite each Sunday.

I think what this story shows (apart from the church being formed by a bunch of misfits who often disagreed with each other) is that being true to the community you represent is costly, but essential to the future of the church. I do hope you can make our annual meetings and if God is prompting you to explore becoming a Church Warden or trustee of one of our parishes, do speak with Steve.

### Coming up...

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April – Café Worship and Baptisms.** Join us for a very special Café Worship at St Paul's as we celebrate baptism, including baptising one or two of our church family. There will be the usual breakfast and music led by the band. Arrive anytime from 9:45am for breakfast and our service starts at 10:15am.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April – the Youth Group meets from 3pm to 5pm.** This time we are meeting at **St. Mary's, Tadley**. We'll chat, play games, watch movies and eat pizza!

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April – World Day of Prayer Team meeting at 7pm.** You are invited to a 'mop up' meeting at St. Luke's when we'll also begin to plan for the World Day of Prayer 2025.

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – St. Paul's Monthly Get-together from 10:30am to 12:30pm.** Come and find food and friendship as we share real coffee, cake and chats each month in St. Paul's. Everyone is welcome.

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm Tadley Arts Fest Meeting at St. Paul's.** This year we're holding our bi-annual Tadley Arts Fest in October 2024. But we need a team to help us make it as successful as in previous years! You don't have to be arty by any means! This is such a great community event – do come along and find out more about how you can get involved.

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April – Messy Easter and Big Easter Egg Hunt.** Yes, we know Easter Day has been and gone, but we are still in the Easter season. This is great opportunity for families to gather, eat breakfast together, to hear stories, and make some Easter crafts as well as enjoy our annual Messy Church Big Easter Egg Hunt!

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April – Join us for RISE at 9am St. Mary's Hall.** Free breakfast, crafts and stories, especially for busy families. We think it's worth getting up early for!

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April – midday Silchester APCM at St. Mary the Virgin.** Join us for the first of our Annual Parish meetings. If you count yourself as a member of Silchester Parish do come along. You will need to be registered on the Silchester parish electoral roll to vote.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm Messy Church Planning meeting in St. Paul's.** Planning May's Messy Church.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April – 7:45pm Fete on the Green Planning Group in St. Paul's** After last year's successful event on the Green we are planning round 2, which will be held on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please come along to this meeting and help us make this year's event even better than last year's!

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April – 1:30pm Prayer Group.** Let's Pray! – meeting every last Thursday of the month at St. Mary's, Tadley.

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April – Labyrinth Walks at 6pm.** Guided prayerful walks restart for the season around St. Mary's Wildflower Labyrinth. These are at 6pm on the last Thursday of each month.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm – 11 pm, 'Carbon Copy'.** This promises to be a great night as Carbon Copy returns to St Mary's for a night of live music. Light refreshments will be available but there won't be a bar so please feel free to bring your own drinks. [Tickets are available from: Chris \(01189 813242\), Peter \(01189 812538\) or St Mary's Church Office \(Mon, Wed & Fri\).](#)

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April – 12:00pm Pub Lunch at The Pelican Pamber Heath.** Everyone is welcome.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April – 11:30 am Tadley North APCM at St. Mary's.** Join us for the second of our Annual Parish meetings. If you count yourself as a member of St. Mary's, Tadley North do come along. You will need to be registered on the Tadley North electoral roll to vote

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May – 7pm for 7:30pm Tadley APCM in St. Paul's Hall.** Join us for the last of our Annual Parish meetings. If you count yourself as a member of Tadley and Pamber Heath Parish do come along. You will need to be registered on the Tadley Parish electoral roll to vote.

### Can you help...

**St. Paul's Hall Cleaner** – our cleaner for St. Paul's is currently not well and is unable to clean the hall. Our wonderful Church Warden, Christine Watson has been cleaning during March, but could do with some help. If you can spare an hour once a week during April to join a rota we would be so grateful. This will only be for a short period until the cleaner is well enough. If you can help - please speak to Christine or Steve.

**Please see the weekly email for details of the regular services and events.**