

# Parish Diary April 2019



## Team Spirit News Sheet April 2019

**Other Parish Diary Dates for April**

1st	12.30pm	Eucharist followed by a soup and sandwich lunch	St F
2nd	2pm	Pram Service	St P
3rd	3:30-4:45pm	Great British Spring Clean Children's Centre (Downside)	
5th	10am	Ashton St Peter's Service	St P
	10am-12pm	Community Coffee Morning	St A
	2pm	Priory Ladies	Priory Hall
15th	2pm	St Fremund's Ladies	
19th	10am-12pm	Community Coffee Morning	St A (TBC)
27th	10am	Coffee Morning	St P
	11am	DTC Celebrating St George	Priory Gdns
29th	2pm	St Fremund's Ladies	
30th	7.45pm	St Augustine's Ladies	

*a prayer for the nation  
God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



### Parish contacts are as follows:

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### Holy Week and Easter Services in the Parish of Dunstable

#### Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April (Distribution of palms at all services)

8.00am	Said Eucharist	St P
9.15am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	St P
10.30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	St F
10.30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	St A
10.45am	Palm Sunday Service	St K
6.30pm	Words and Music for Passiontide	St P

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm	Dunstable Churches Together Agapé to conclude the Lent Course	St A
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#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

8.00pm	Quiet Prayer in style of the Taizé Community	St P
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#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am	Said Eucharist	St F
10.30am	Said Eucharist	St A
7:30pm	Reflective Evening Prayer	St F

#### Maundy Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am	Said Eucharist	St P
7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist with meal and vigil	St A
8.00pm	Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altar, and vigil for one hour	St P

#### Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am	Dunstable Churches Together Walk of Witness from St. Mary's RC Church	
2.00pm	Liturgy of the Cross (with hymns & address)	St P
2.00pm	Final Hour Meditation	St F
2.00pm	Good Friday Vigil: <i>Golgotha</i>	St A

#### Easter Eve, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

8.30pm	Parish Easter Liturgy including vigil, lighting of the Easter candle and renewal of baptism vows. ( <i>Cake and Sparkling Wine after service</i> )	St P
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#### Easter Day, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

8.00am	Easter Eucharist (said)	St P
9.15am	Festival Sung Eucharist	St P
10.30am	Easter Eucharist	St A
10.30am	Easter Eucharist	St F
10.45am	Easter Day Communion	St K
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St P

### A very special occasion at St Peter's

Chanson du Matin, song of morning, by the English composer Edward Elgar set the scene for a very special occasion in the Priory. It accompanied Alison Windsor's progress up the central aisle to solemnise her marriage to Johan Schoeman on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2019.

The Rev Richard Andrews officiated, having returned for the day from his present post of Precentor in Derby Cathedral. Many members of Church and family filled the nave which resonated to the joyful singing of "Praise my soul, the king of heaven" to open the proceedings. After prayers and declaration of support for the bride and groom came the first reading from St Paul's letter to Colossians exhorting thankfulness and the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

A second reading was a very moving poem called "Why Marriage", expressing thoughts of intimacy, friendship and opportunity for joy in its creation. The full congregation then gave voice to the hymn "Love Divine all loves excelling". Canon Richard gave a short address followed by the sharing of vows by Johan and Alison. Whilst the signing of the Registers took place in front of the Rood Screen a recital of music by Monteverdi, Thomas Tallis and John Rutter was enjoyed.

We then moved to the preliminaries of the Eucharist in which all were invited to share. As the people processed to the altar to receive the communion of bread and wine the St Peter's choir sang John Ireland's anthem "Greater love hath no man".

Everyone now returned to their seats and stood to sing the joyous hymn "Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord".

The familiar words of blessing were said: "The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you And be gracious to you .....and give you peace" As the congregation left their seats for the next phase of this lovely day's celebrations Martin Hart performed the Finale of Camille Saint-Saens magnificent Organ Symphony on the St Peters organ.

The Café area of the Priory had been transformed by the most delicious layout of refreshments and all had been welcomed to share in them by Alison and Johan and their guests and families after the solemnities.

We wish them both the deepest joy and happiness in their new life together and we thank them for adding another wonderful memory to the continuing history of worship, friendship and community at Dunstable Priory.

Ray Bryant



**St Fremund's Spring Fayre**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11 a.m. – 2 p.m**  
**Books, Trash or Treasure, Tombola,**  
**Lunch, Toys, Cakes, Raffle, Bric a Brac**

### From St Augustine's

#### Lunch and Tidy

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 20 church members of all ages came together to give the church a spruce up and complete some cleaning and tidying jobs. After a big effort from all we enjoyed a well-earned shared lunch. This was a great way to spread the load of jobs with team work and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who gave up their spare time on a Sunday to help out.

#### Race Night

Over 50 people took part in the Race Night on 2nd March and we raised £575 which was a great result. The evening was a huge success and thanks must go to Anne Fowler for preparing the food, to Jean George & Kay Calder for their assistance with the food; also thanks to Dave Fowler for keeping the IT working and to Anne & Jean again for their hard work on dealing with the bets and the raffle.

#### Forthcoming events

Our next major fundraising event will be the Summer Fayre on **Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Please put it in your diary everyone!

**Saturday 18th May 7.30pm**  
**Shambles Big Band in concert with the Dunstable**  
**Priory Choirs**  
**To raise funds for the Choirs.**  
**Tickets £6 adults and £2**  
**children ( including interval refreshments)**  
**There will be a raffle.**

### Dunstable Churches Together

Prayer Meetings - Saturday Mornings 9am **CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS!**

**Sat 6th April The Salvation Army, Bull Pond Lane**  
**Sat 4th May St Augustine's Church, Oakwood Avenue**

### From St Fremund's

Ladies Group 50th Anniversary

On 25th February the Ladies Group celebrated their 50th Anniversary in grand style. A beautiful buffet was prepared by Keren Bonner, Judy Read and Dot Snow and a gorgeous birthday cake was made by Robin Wegner. The ladies all brought gifts for the raffle (with a gold theme) and everyone went home with a prize. There was a lot of chatter and laughter. There are six of us who are original members; Jean Richards, Betty Tapner, Gwen Kirton, Joan Simpson, Ann Hicks and myself. Now we look forward to the future!

**Claire Maxwell**

### Baptisms

Elysa Orianna Warner  
Kira Ellen Waymark

### Weddings

Johan Schoeman and Alison Patricia Windsor

### Funerals

Peter Derrick Simmons  
Anthony Watt  
Iris Louisa Saunders  
Faith Tournay  
Marjorie Dorothy Tingey  
Margaret Ethel Blanchard  
George Frederick Rayment  
Rachel Maria McNulty