



The Parish of
West Cheltenham

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Friday 23rd February 2024

NOTICESHEET

THIS SUNDAY:

10.30AM

ST MARK'S

SPEAKER: ROD PATERSON
ACTS 2:42-47

10.30AM

ST BARNABAS

SPEAKER: JANICE HAMILTON
ACTS 6:1-7
HOLY COMMUNION

10.40AM

ST AIDAN & ST SILAS

FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNITIES AND PLACES BUZZING
WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY PRESENCE OF JESUS

PRACTICAL. SACRIFICIAL.
RISKY.



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Lent

PRACTISING GENEROSITY

This series of Sunday talks for Lent is inspired by the zeal of the early Christian church as described in the book of Acts, looking at...

THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS

in spite of pain & suffering

THE GENEROSITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

in spite of persecution

OUR OWN GENEROUS RESPONSE

in spite of ourselves

The first disciples were shaped by their profound encounters with Jesus. Those who had known Jesus face to face, and seen him crucified, resurrected and return to his Father's side in heaven.

Now, inspired by the Holy Spirit, their love for God meant they not only endured floggings, arrest, death threats and worse, but actively rejoiced because their suffering was a direct result of their devotion (Acts 5:41). So maybe our prayer this Lent is that we hear God's call to practical, sacrificial, even risky generosity in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER DURING LENT

***They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42)***

*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

PERSONAL PRAYER

Lectio365 app: Morning and Evening prayer

[CLICK HERE](#)

Lectio for Families

[CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYING TOGETHER

Tuesday's

9am at St Mark's

11am at St B's

Wednesday's

9am at St Aidan's Site

(or Coronation Cafe if bad weather!)



MAKE A PLANTED POT!

Saturday 9th March at Gloucester Cathedral

Join in their family activity day to decorate and plant up a pot, then make a card for someone special for Mothering Sunday.

This activity day will be held in the Learning Hub in the Cathedral grounds, a 1 minute walk from the main Cathedral building.

Tickets £5 - [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#) & to book

PRAYER MINISTRY AT ST MARK'S

We would love to re-start the after-service prayer ministry at St Mark's each Sunday morning.

If you are passionate about prayer, and would be willing to serve on some Sunday's for a time after the service, please have a conversation with Rod.

Either grab him after a service, or contact him on rod.paterson@westchelt.org.uk or [07853632675](tel:07853632675)



PARISH APCM 2024

The 2023 APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held at:

**St Mark's Church
at 10.30am
on Sunday 21st April 2024**

This will be the only service across the parish on that Sunday.

For those new to our churches, the APCM is a bit like an AGM, and we gather and look together at the year gone, and jump together into the year ahead!

There will also be elections for PCC members and Parish Wardens.

More detail in the weeks to come.

Not on the electoral roll?

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete an online form, or get a paper copy in each of our churches.





EASTER

FROM DEATH TO LIFE...

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28th March - 7.30pm

Communion

St Barnabas

GOOD FRIDAY

29th March - 2pm

Community Passion Play

Starting at Hester's Way Park

EASTER SUNDAY

31st March

Usual 10.30am celebrations

across West Cheltenham

then 3pm

Celebration on St Aidan's Land

Easter
2024
WEST CHELTENHAM



www.westchelpassionplay.org.uk

COMMUNITY
*Passion
Play*

#wccpp24



GOFUNDME: FUNDRAISER!

So far we have a cast of around 40, multiple schools, churches and organisations involved as well as tech support, stewarding and more!

The whole budget for the play covers staging, PA equipment, publicity, props and costumes, assorted licences from the council, health and safety measures and even hiring a donkey!

If you can afford to give anything towards the play – sharing the real Easter story in West Cheltenham this March, please contribute via [THIS LINK](#).

WE NEED STEWARDS!

The route is planned, rehearsals are well under way, the props and costumes are being made.

To deliver this amazing witness though, we need 30-40 stewards around the route to point people in the right direction and ensure everyone is kept safe.

If you don't fancy acting, but would love to be involved, this is the perfect way to do so!
You will only be needed for the dress rehearsal on the 24th March, and on the 29th for the play.

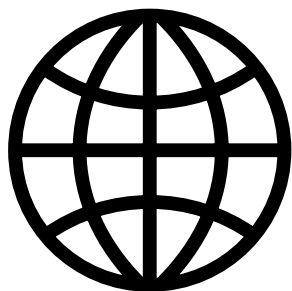


JOIN THE CROWD

Didn't want a main part? Then join the crowd!
There are a number of crowd scenes throughout the play, with everyone welcome – young or old!

Workshops for the crowd actors will be on 9th & 16th March. Contact Janice for info!

WAYS TO GIVE



REGULARLY

For Direct Debit and Regular Giving, get set up with the Parish Giving Scheme [HERE](#).



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PASTORAL CARE

contacts

Each congregation has a primary contact to provide pastoral support as needed.

- St. Aidan & St. Silas** - Pippa O'Connell
- St. Barnabas** - Pauline Carter
- St. Mark's Weds 10am** - Peter Sibley
- St. Mark's Sunday 10.30am** - Mike & Kristina

If you are aware of someone who needs additional help, please contact

Rod Paterson - 07853 632675 (day off Thursday)

Janice Hamilton - 07749130323 (day off Thursday or Friday)

Josh Denley (Office) - 07990 264554 (days off Saturday & Sunday)

Josh Vallance (Youth Worker) - 07512 070464 (days off Friday & Saturday)

Parish Safeguarding Officer - 01242 655650 - safeguarding@westchelt.org.uk