



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 21 April 2024 10.30am Philip Hyne

Collect for the fourth Sunday of Easter

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From day twenty-one of the Methodist Prayer Handbook

Praying with Christians in Asia and Britain. Be to us, O God, our love and our hope; our thoughts flowing from you, our life being in you and our breathing taken with you; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen** John Cassian (c. 360-435)

Reading for Sunday 21 April: John chapter 10 verses 11-18

Live stream link: <https://youtube.com/live/yHV9tXIOdpE?feature=share>

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Notices

Tuesday 23 April 10.00am-12noon Coffee morning in the church. All welcome.

Tuesday 23 April 7.30pm Please note a change of date. Tuesday Fellowship AGM will not take place on 23 April but will be on 7 May. Thank you, Diane.

Wednesday 24 April 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church.

Wednesday 24 April 9.30am-11.30am Toddlers in the main hall

Wednesday 24 April 9.30am Bethesda Backpackers This week's walk of just over 4 miles will be south along the River Severn from the Coal House Inn which has reopened at Apperley. It will be a fairly easy walk if the mud is drying out. Please call Elaine (07974 428125) if you would like to join the walk.

Thursday 25 April 2.30pm House group at home of Judith and Geoffrey led by Yvonne, our local Christian Aid Church Engagement Officer.

Friday 26 April 7.00pm Lamplighters practice.

Sunday 28 April 10.30am Local Arrangement led by a team from St Mark's.

Advance notices

Saturday 11 May 10.00am-12.00noon Plant and Cake sale.

When you are planting seeds, potting on and dividing plants perhaps you could keep some for us to sell.

Also a special plea for cakes to sell this year. They go really fast and we'd like to have some available for those who don't come early!

Thank you in anticipation of your help towards the Plant and Cake sale 11 May

- o **Cakes:** Please list all ingredients in your baked goods, this makes those purchasing aware of any allergens that may be present and ensures St Mark's have covered our obligation for food safety.
- o **Plants:** Please label them so they are easily identifiable.
- o **On the day:** If you would like to help please get in touch with Ann Varley as soon as possible.

Please get in touch with Ann Varley if you have any questions.

Wednesday 8 May 7.30pm Alternative Alpha – taster session.

Rev Rachel Leather will be running a one-off session in The Well (room at the rear of the Bethesda church car park). We will be talking about those concepts that can be tricky to understand of faith, doctrine and belief. If enough people are able to attend, or show a desire for this sort of discussion group, we can make this a monthly meeting.

Foodbank Needs at present:

Soup - cans or packets

Instant mash, instant noodles and instant rice

Savoury snacks

Toilet paper, washing up liquid, washing powder (Powder or capsules please. Not Liquid)

Tinned hot and cold meats, fish

Biscuits, chocolates/sweets

Desserts - hot or cold, packets, cans, rice

Tins - fruit, vegetables, tomatoes, baked beans

Drinks - long life milk, long life juices, squash, tea and coffee

Baby Items - Nappies (sizes 6 and 7), baby wipes, baby food - jars, packets

Toiletries - shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant

Carrier bags

Our boxes for donations to the foodbank are at our two entrances. Thank you for all your continuing help.

