



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Easter Sunday 20 April 2025

8.00am Rev Steve Ward Holy Communion

Breakfast

10.30am Trevor Wills

Live stream link for 10.30am service: <https://youtube.com/live/s2M-zFYlemY?feature=share>

A Collect for Easter Day:

Most glorious God, who on this day delivered us by the mighty resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and made your whole creation new: grant that we who celebrate with joy his rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

From Singing the Faith 796:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast.

Notices

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 Sunrise service. Gather at **5.45am** at Chosen Hill.

Tuesday 22 April 10.00am-12noon Coffee morning in the church. All welcome.

Wednesday 23 April 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church.

Thursday 24 April 7.30pm Zoom meeting to plan Away Day

Friday 25 April 2.00pm Funeral of Wendy Foulkes at St Mark's Methodist Church followed by refreshments in the hall.

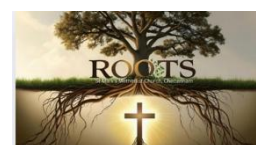
4.00pm Music practice

Sunday 27 April Rev Rachel Leather

Save the dates!

Saturday 10 May 10.00am-12noon Plant and Cake Sale. When you are planting seeds, potting on and dividing plants perhaps you could keep some for us to sell?

Saturday 10 May 3.00pm Roots service at St Mark's. A relaxed, informal and interactive space where we'll explore what it means to grow deep roots as a church family.



Saturday 7 June We are planning a joint church away day with Bethesda on Saturday 7 June at Evesham Methodist Church. More details nearer the time.

Order of service for Easter Day 8.00am

Welcome

Hymn Christ is alive (StF 297)

Opening Prayers

Reading Luke 24:1-12

Prayers for others

The Peace

Lord's Supper

Hymn Thine be the glory (StF 313)

Blessing

Order of service for Easter Day 10.30am

Easter Liturgy/Call to Worship/Easter Greeting

Hymn: Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia! (StF 298)

Young people's talk

Children's prayer and blessing

Hymn: Now the green blade rises (stf 306)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Intro to Gospel reading

Reading: John 20:1-18

Intro to reflection

Reflection: An Impossible God

Hymn: Mary in the garden weeping (StF 585)

Sermon

Hymn: He is Lord (StF 348) (bring forward offertory during final verse)

Offertory prayer

Prayers of Intercession Lord's Prayer

Hymn: The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad! (StF 311)

Blessing

Our current shopping list

- Tinned Cold Meat (or fish)
- Pasta Sauce
- Washing up liquid, washing powder (powder or capsules please, not liquid)
- Soup - packets or tins
- Desserts - hot or cold, packets or cans
- Deodorants – Ladies' and Men's

Thank you for all your donations for the Foodbank. You can leave items in the boxes near our entrances at church. These are collected once a fortnight by volunteers from the foodbank at Elim.

Bethesda Backpackers walk.

<u>April</u>		<u>Leader</u>	<u>miles</u>
Thursday 24	Nottingham Hill	A&B	3.25

Please let the leader know by 6.30pm the previous evening if you would like to join them.

Walk Leaders: *Brian & Anne Robertson 352419/07452357427*

London Marathon

Matthew Cotton is running the London Marathon on 27 April 2025 to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Macmillan discharged Matthew after his own cancer treatment last year, and to say a massive thank you to all those wonderful people, he has pledged to raise £2500 for them. His fundraising page can be found at: www.justgiving.com/page/RunToRecovery and he would be extremely grateful for any donations you can give. Thank you.

For your information:



Are you horrified by the police raid on Westminster Quaker Meeting House and the arrest of 6 young women?



Quakers in
Britain
report

Join us in a brief
symbolic act
in solidarity with
the 6 women arrested at
Westminster Quaker Meeting House



BBC report

A human embrace around our own
Meeting House here in Cheltenham.

Join local Quakers, groups who use our
building, and anyone who opposes this
infringement of human rights.

Refreshments available afterwards.



Meet at:
Quaker Meeting House, Warwick Place, GL52 2NP
on Tuesday April 22nd 18:00 - 18:30

www.cheltenhamquaker.org.uk/news