

Archway

Easter 2024

Easter Respair

I was introduced to a new word recently. Well, a new, old word. The word is respair. Apparently it was used in English until the 16th century, but then fell out of use. We will all know what despair is - despair describes the complete loss or absence of hope, a deep unhappiness. Well, respair describes the opposite - something joyful, fresh hope, and a recovery from despair. It is a feeling to hang onto when things seem sad. It is good to remember that sadness will pass and respair will eventually come.

For Christians, Easter represents the ultimate basis for respair. Jesus' disciples, the men and women who followed him for three years, watching his love and truth in action, must have experienced complete despair when he was arrested, taken away, put on trial and then executed in the most brutal way by the Romans. All their hopes and dreams were crushed as the one they loved died on the cross. Yet these same disciples would soon be going around, joyfully proclaiming that Jesus had been raised from the dead. They had seen him, met him and ate with him. They had experienced respair and this respair had completely transformed them. Their movement exploded boldly across the world and transformed it.

At Easter we retell this story and celebrate the good news of the risen Jesus. He is still transforming lives today and offers you respair. Come and hear the story, and experience the new life and hope that he offers.

Rev Jon

Holy Week & Easter at St. Bartholomew's

Sunday 24th March **Palm Sunday**

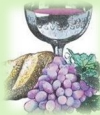


10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th March **Maundy Thursday**

9.30am Holy Communion

7.00pm Holy Communion



Friday 29th March **Good Friday**

10.30am Good Friday Service



Sunday 31st March **Easter Day**

10.00am Holy Communion

"He has Risen!"

Mark chapter 16



Thursday 9th May **Ascension Day**

10.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Praise & Prayer



Thy Kingdom Come

Ascension to Pentecost

Thursday, 9th May - Sunday, 19th May

Jesus Christ said: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

Prayer really does make a difference. *Thy Kingdom Come* enables Christians to join together & focus their prayer on the mission & growth of the Church, just as Jesus' first disciples gave the same period to fervent prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit to equip them for their mission.

Pentecost

Sunday 19th May

10.00am Holy Communion

At Pentecost the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit

Join us on this special day.



Family Breakfast Church

2nd Sunday of the month

St Bartholomew's Church Hall

Breakfast 9.00 — 9.30am

10.00 -11.00 am Family Worship

Bible teaching, prayer, singing & activities
for the whole family



St. Bartholomew's Summer Fête

Saturday, 22nd June

12noon ~ 4.00pm

Church, Grounds & Hall

Games, Stalls, Refreshments

Fun for all the Family



PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPANNER IN CONCERT

St Bartholomew's Church Hall

Tuesday, 7th May at 7.45pm



Legendary folk violinist Peter Knight (ex-Steeleye Span) returns with his band, Gigspanner, for another fundraising concert.

Maverick magazine wrote: "Gigspanner are making some of the most beautiful music the genre has to offer."

For tickets/information contact John: jowen6@yahoo.co.uk

Profits to Church Hall Refurbishment Project