

# St. Mary's Church Arnold

Welcome to church today as we come together to worship God. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to Angela or Ian our Churchwardens, or Sylvia our priest.

## Sunday 31st. March: Easter Day

**Sunday 31st. Easter Sunday 10am**  
**Easter Celebration of Holy Communion.**  
**Preacher and President**  
**Bishop John Finney**  
**John 20: 1—18**

### APRIL

**Thursday 4th. 2pm. Mothers' Union**

**Saturday 6th. 2:30pm. Seniors' Tea**

**Sunday 7th. Second Sunday of Easter**  
**9am. Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10:30am. Morning Worship**  
**Acts 4: 32—35, John 20: 19 to end**

## Collections in church

We are still collecting candles for the Ukraine and food for the Foodbank. Donations of money can be made by cash or by using the contactless machine provided next to the main church door (see back page for more details).

### Rosemary Dove

Sadly Rosemary has recently died. Her funeral will be held in church on  
**Wednesday 10th April at 10am.**

### Eileen Baker

There will still be people at Saint Mary's who remember the Baker family who moved to Sheffield and then to Hitchin a number of years ago. They were all very active members of the church, especially the Choir and Altar serving. Ken died a few years ago, but Eileen has just died, aged 89. Our thoughts are with the family, especially Philip, Andrew and Christopher, and their families.

### Compass Delivery

We have some issues with the Compass deliveries. The new issue is ready for collection, If you can collect your pack that would be very much appreciated, however there may be some people who don't get their issue as expected; if this is the case please let us know. We will do our best to get them to you.

## Daily Bible readings

Weekly Readings	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Sunday 31st. March	118	Isaiah 25.	John 20
Monday 1st. April	16	Exodus 12.	Matthew 28
Tuesday 2nd. April	33	Song of Solomon 2	Luke 24
Wednesday 3rd. April	105	Song of Solomon 3	Matthew 28
Thursday 4th. April	8	Exodus 13	Luke 7
Friday 5th. April	115	Song of Solomon 7	Luke 8
Saturday 6th. April	116	Song of Solomon 8	John 11
Sunday 24th March	133	Genesis 3	Acts 4

### ST MARY'S PRAYERS FOR MARCH 2024

Loving God, I know that I am not perfect, and I am sorry that I sometimes make wrong decisions. Forgive me I pray. May I hear your voice guiding me today. In Jesus name I pray, **Amen.**

**Pray** for the many regions of our world where there is conflict, unrest, and oppression. Pray that reconciliation will overcome hatred, peace will conquer war and that hope will replace despair. Pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East that peace may return to their lands and that they may be able to live in peace once more. **Lord, in your mercy hear my prayer. Amen**

**Father God** thank you for carrying me through life's winter seasons and for bringing me into a new springtime season of hope. Thank you for the blessings you have prepared for me in the season ahead and above all thank you that your love never changes. **Amen**

As we join with fellow Christian's arounds the world to pray and reflect on the events of Holy Week, turn your eyes upon Jesus look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. Thank you, Lord, for sending Jesus into our world. to walk the road, we walk. I pray that we may walk more closely with him, day by day. **Amen**

#### **An Easter prayer:**

**Lord God**, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son that we too might be called your children. Lord help us to live in the gladness and grace of ~Easter Sunday every day. May we have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world, Amen

**Requests for prayer and thanks for answered prayer can be emailed to:**  
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### Contactless Giving

St Mary's has been awarded a Contactless Giving unit to accept donations by card or smart phone.

Located next to the door into church, the unit is simple to use – just select the amount you would like to give (by pushing the £5 or £10 or £20 or £30 button) and hold your card against the WiFi symbol on the top – just like for a unit in a shop.

St Mary's can automatically claim Gift Aid on donations from this machine – it does not need your details – so each £10 gift becomes a £12.50 donation for the church.

Or if you wish, you can donate your gift through the linked website Gift page – just open the link using this QR code.

And a huge thank you for any donation given.



### **Wheelchair**

**There is a wheelchair available for use in church.**

This newsheet is produced on Friday afternoons. Please provide any information to Kristina and Ian by 9am. Friday morning. admin@stmarysarnold.org.uk or ian.rosillo@gmail.com. Thank—you.