



## **Easter 4 - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Hymns and readings to be used alongside the service booklet and this week's notices.



Good Shepherd, *Kelly Latimore, 2019*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57121>

*Opening Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness*  
*Number 453 in Common Praise*

*Collect*<sup>2</sup>

O raiser of the dead, lifter-up of the downtrodden,  
carer of the vulnerable, and lover of the overlooked,  
you act with a power that makes little or no sense,  
in our world of tactics and strategy-making.  
Teach us the wisdom of laying down our lives  
in order that you may raise us up.  
Keep us from being seasonal and part time disciples  
whose love is conditional, fickle and transient.  
Let us love not only in Word and speech  
but also in truth and action.  
Then we will know your greater life-laying-down love.  
**Amen.**

*Graham Turner*

*First Reading: Ezekiel 34:2-8*

‘Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy,  
and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GOD:  
Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding  
yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup>You eat  
the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter  
the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup>You have not  
strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you  
have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back

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<sup>2</sup> Turner, Graham, *Alternative Collects*, Sacristy Press, Durham, 2018, page 52

the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. <sup>6</sup> My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.'

*Gradual Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story*

*Number 315 in Mission Praise*

### *Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18*

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### *Offertory Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*Communion Song: For all he came, for all he lived*

For all he came, for all he lived,  
For all his ministry,  
For all his sacrifice in death,  
For all the world, and me:

For every colour, race or creed,  
For every state of mind,  
For all of good intent, or ill,  
For all our human kind.

Our every weakness shows his strength,  
his power for all made free;  
to know of capture by his love  
is perfect liberty.

For all the world Christ Jesus lives,  
For strangers and for friends;  
'Go into all the world' – and own  
the Life that never ends.

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### *Final hymn: In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone –who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save.  
And on that cross as Jesus died,  
the love of God was crucified,  
our sinful world was reconciled;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain,  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
No power of hell, nor human plan,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
His kingdom come! Earth touched heav'n;  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Amended from Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty*

**Our APCM takes place straight after this service. If you're able to stay please go to get tea, coffee and a biscuit from the back and return to your seat.**

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## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 10am:	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 10:30am:	Holy Communion

### **HOME COMMUNION**

If you would like to receive communion at home, or know anyone who would like to, please contact Jenni Crewes.

### **OPEN CHURCH: TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**

Church will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesday between 9:30 and 5pm.

### **TIDYING THE CHURCH FRONT GARDEN ON SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY BETWEEN 10:00AM and 12 NOON**

Weather permitting, this year's monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will take place on the first Saturday of the month between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be much appreciated at any time during the morning.

Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. If you have any queries, please speak to Anne Harris or Rob Eaton. Future 2024 dates for gardening (on the first Saturday of each month) will be: 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### **RAMBLE**

St. Hilda's ramble group will be holding their May ramble followed by a pub lunch on Saturday, 18th May. If anyone would like to join us for the pub lunch (and/or the ramble) please see Pauline Hills in church any Sunday morning during April and let her know by 28<sup>th</sup> April. There is no obligation to take part in the ramble before the lunch, as we'll all meet at the pub after the ramble.



### **PONDERING TOGETHER: 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10:30-12PM**

An opportunity to learn together what it means to follow Jesus, pondering together the big questions. Anyone who wants to deepen their faith is welcome; all of us with our hopes, questions and doubts. Those preparing for baptism or confirmation are encouraged to come. We'll watch a short video together, read a passage or two from the scripture and have conversations. Tea, coffee and pastries will be provided and we'll meet in the choir vestry (the downstairs chapel – the back door will be open).

We'll meet on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July from 10:30am-12pm. Come to one, a few, or all of them.

### **JENNI ON RETREAT**

Please note our vicar Jenni will be on retreat from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **DEANERY WELCOME SERVICE FOR BISHOP MICHAEL – 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 4PM, ST MARY, SELLY OAK**

All are welcome to this service to welcome our new Bishop to the deanery. If you're able to bake a cake for this please let Jenni know.

### **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7PM AT SMETHWICK OLD CHURCH**

Led by members of both our churches this is a wonderful opportunity to worship with neighbours from our Oversight Area. All are welcome. Old Church is at 2 The Uplands, B67 7EQ.

### **OVERSIGHT AREA PENTECOST CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 4PM, ST HILDA'S**

All are welcome to celebrate an all age eucharist together with our friends from Old Church Smethwick, St Mary Bearwood and St



# THEOLOGY AT ST GEORGE'S EDGBASTON

*Exploring faith in the 21st century*

**Friday 10th May, 7pm**

**Inclusive Theologies of Sacramental Marriage**

Samuel Gibson

PhD Biblical Studies, University of Birmingham

Vicar, St George's Edgbaston

**Tuesday 11th June**

*Two talks as part of her UK roadshow*

**6pm: Soul in the System**

7pm: Refreshments

**7.30pm: Poetry, Contemplation and the 'G-word'**

Sarah Bachelard WCCM

Honorary Research Fellow, Australian Catholic

University

Founder, Benedictus Contemplative Church, Canberra

**Friday 5th July, 7pm**

**Motherhood as a Rite of Passage: A View from the  
Church Past and Present**

Alice Watson

Chaplain, The Queen's College, Oxford

PhD Student, Westcott House Cambridge

*All are welcome*

*More talks to follow in Autumn 2024*

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OVERSIGHT AREA  
**PENTECOST  
CELEBRATION**

ST HILDA'S CHURCH,  
ABBAY ROAD B67 5NQ  
4PM SUNDAY 19TH MAY

ALL AGE EUCHARIST  
FOLLOWED BY TEA AND CAKE

ALL WELCOME AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE WORK OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR  
CHURCHES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS.

THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING ON SITE. GLUTEN FREE  
AND NON ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WILL BE AVAILABLE.  
IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CONTACT REV'D  
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<p><u>Safeguarding information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Never promise to keep a secret.</li> <li>2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously.</li> <li>3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible".</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html">http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html</a></p>		

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