

**CHURCH SERVICES and MEETINGS THIS WEEK**  
**MORNING & EVENING PRAYER IS SAID AT**  
**8.00am and 5.00pm MONDAY TO SATURDAY**

**EASTER MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

*Fr John's day off*

**EASTER TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Morning Prayer - Rectory

9.30am **No Chatterbox**

**EASTER WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Holy Eucharist— Fr John

5.30pm – 6.30pm Church Parish Office – church

7.30pm Holy Eucharist – Lady Chapel – Fr Ian

**EASTER THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am *Chit Chat* – church

7.30pm Bellringing practice

**EASTER FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Happy Birthday Fr John!**

**EASTER SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer and the Litany of Our Lady – L. Chapel

9.00am – 10.00am Church Parish Office - church

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER -LOW SUNDAY**

10.30am Parish Sung Holy Eucharist C & P – Fr John – *followed*  
Children's soft play area *by coffee*

Gluten Free Communion Wafers available do ask before the service.

1.00pm Holy Baptism of Louie Jay Rossell

*Principal Service Readings:*

Acts 2. 14,22-32 1Peter 1. 3-9 John 20. 19- end

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SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE**

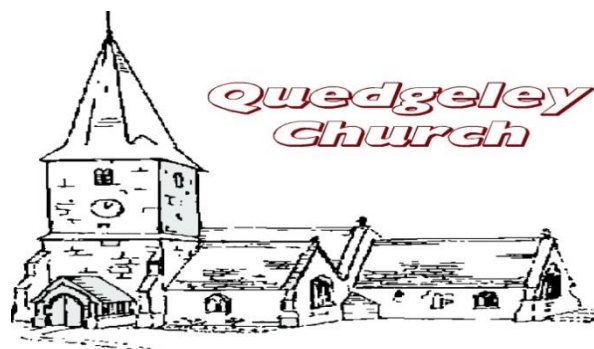
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**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE**

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**Weekly News**



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**This Sunday is:-**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

**Issue 17/16**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**10.30am – Concelebration of the Eucharist of the Resurrection**

Celebrants: Fr Hugh & Fr John

*followed by coffee*

Gluten Free Communion Wafers, do ask before the service.

Children's soft play area

**Hymns for Today's Service** from *Hymns for Today's Church*

Entrance Hymn – 155

Gradual Hymn – 161

Offertory Hymn – 519

Hymns during Communion from *Songs of Fellowship*

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Final Hymn - 167

**ORDER OF SERVICE** Year A – The Great 50 Days - Yellow

Booklet

**REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

Easter is also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, and is the principal festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after crucifixion. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent and Holy Week.

In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday – and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The first Council of Nicaea (325) established two rules, Easter's independence from the Jewish calendar and worldwide uniformity as to the date for its celebration. These were the only rules for Easter explicitly laid down by the council.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In many languages, the words for "Easter" and "Passover" are identical or very similar.

Whilst there is a principal celebration of Easter every year – each passing Sunday is regarded as a celebration of the resurrection of Christ and therefore Easter in itself.

Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church, and decorating Easter eggs (symbols of the empty tomb). The Easter lily, a symbol of the resurrection, traditionally decorates the chancel area of churches on this day and for the rest of Eastertide.

**First Reading: Acts 10. 34-43**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3. 1-4**

**Gospel: John 20. 1-18**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;*

*I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**INTERCESSION VERSICLE AND RESPONSE**

Versicle (Intercessor) – Life-giving God:

**Response (ALL) – transform our lives.**

**CHURCH PARISH OFFICE**  
**To arrange for**  
**Calling of Banns of Marriage.**  
**Christening/Holy Baptism.**  
**Wedding/Marriage/Blessing**  
**or Other.**  
**Just pop into the Church Parish Office at Saint James**  
**Church on Thursdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm or**  
**Saturdays 9.00am – 10.00am**

**PRAYER DIARY**

**Monthly Prayer Diary is in the Lady Chapel for those you may wish to have prayed for.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Bishop Michael, Fr. Peter Minall, Fred Ward, Fr Andrew, Phil (The Lawns), Betty Millington, Ivy Roberts, Pat Finney, John and Janet Giddings, Seonag Udell, Marie Spicer, Pam Seally, the Victims of Westminster, those on our prayer list and on our hearts and minds.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED**

Jill Hamilton, Samuel Pinnington, Leonard Jotham, all the departed including the victims of natural disaster and violence, as well as those of Year’s Mind.

**SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY**

**Private Confession, Ministry of Healing, Spiritual Guidance is available with one of the clergy.**

**QUOTE FOR EASTER**  
***“Easter is very important to me,***  
***it’s a second chance”***  
**(Reba McEntire)**

**THE RECTOR’S**  
**NEWS TO THE PEWS**

**PARISH RE-ORDERING/SPACE SURVEY RESULTS – 2016**  
**PLEASE NOTE! A FULL DETAILED COPY OF THE RESULTS IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH – WHAT FOLLOWS IS A SIMPLE BREAKDOWN.**

Following a meeting in July to discuss the church’s future in relation to the parish and diocese (VISION 2016), members of the congregation and parish requested that the issue of freeing up space within the church building should be investigated.

The options considered were:

- 1** Removal of pews nearest the wall in the north aisle
- 2** Removal of pews nearest the wall in the north aisle **plus** the pews opposite, up to the line of the pillars
- 3** Removal of all pews

**Consultation process and results**

68 forms were returned (14%)

48 forms were returned from members of congregation (71%)

20 forms from members of the parish (29%)

44 forms favoured option 3 (64%) – All pews removed

11 forms favoured option 2 (16%) – Removal of pews nearest the wall in north aisle plus pews opposite

7 forms favoured option 1 (10%) – Removal of pews nearest the wall in the north aisle

4 forms were returned in favour of renovating the existing pews (6%)

1 form was returned suggesting pews from the back of the church should be removed only (2%)

1 form was returned suggesting the front pews should be removed only (2%)

**We await an official report on the state of the pews from the diocese.**

**EASTER VESTRY ELECTIONS – 2017** Lists for the parish election of Churchwardens, PCC members and other nominations are now in church. This is the important annual requirement for Office Holders of the Parish Church. The consent of the person you may wish to nominate **MUST** be obtained first and seconded by another member of the congregation. Please play your part in this important event in the life of our parish. The Easter Vestry (APCM) will be held after the Sunday Service on **30 April**. *Fr John*

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE - 2017** The parish pilgrimage to Hereford will be on **WEDNESDAY 26 JULY**. More details to follow. Please put your names on the **NEW LIST** in church as soon as possible, so that we can book the right coach with regards numbers.

**COUNTING ROTA** Could you give us 10 minutes of your time, after Sunday services, about once a month? We have a small team of lovely people who help count the collection on Sundays, and are looking for a few new people to join us. No particular skills needed, just a willingness to help. Please see Lesley or Pete to offer your help, or for more info. Thank you.

**“AROUND THE SPIRE”** The **April** issue of Saint James Parish Magazine is now available in church. Please take a copy, plus any you can deliver to others who may be interested. It is so important that copies of this magazine reach as many people as possible. Anything for the **May** issue needs to be with Fr Hugh by **Wednesday** please. *Fr Hugh – your Editor*

**SAINT JAMES WEEKLY NEWS**  
Articles and Notices for inclusion in the parish newsletter should reach the Editor, Gill Bond, by **FRIDAY** morning of each week