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All Saints Church Newsletter

We reflect in the closing days of Holy Week on the themes of John's Gospel so often turning conventions on their head. He speaks so often of "Glory," but as the Gospel reaches a climax, it appears the glory is to be seen in the hideous execution of Jesus by crucifixion. A paradox to say the least. Join us for reflections in any of the following services:

Holy Communion this evening, 7.30pm recalling another conversation with Jesus recorded in John.

Tomorrow, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7.30pm *Remembering the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet, followed by The Watch, remembering Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness along the High Street starting with a service at 11.15 am at New Life Baptist Church and Walking to All Saints - anyone willing to help steward the walk along the High Street please tell David. 1-3pm **Two hours at the Cross** (*Hymns, reflections, prayers, Communion - stay for as much as you are able.*)

7.30pm *Tenebrae: We remember the closing of Christ's tomb*

Holy Saturday 7.30pm Vigil Service *After all the words of conversation spoken in John's gospel, we take time in silence to take in the physical reality of Jesus' burial.*

Easter Sunday 6am Dawn Service *in the Village Square Followed by breakfast*

Holy Communion at 8.00 am

Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Thank you to all who sent cards for Amelia. Her family hoped for 8,000. She received... wait for it... 300,000. An astounding record. Amelia has sadly now died. Her mother said: "For nearly 6 years, she fought with a strength beyond imagination. Every single day, she showed us what true courage looks like." Thank you for being part of such a heart warming demonstration of care.



Missing Flowers in Church

The absence of flowers in Church gently emphasises Lenten wilderness time of penitence and reflection and, of course, makes the splash of colour as flowers return at Easter all the more celebratory.

Now is a good time to give thanks for those who arrange flowers for us throughout the year, including Judith, May, Andrea, Pam, Margaret, Avril, Mary and Gen. We have together been asking how we can ensure our flowers can be sourced in ways that do not harm the environment. Already, our florists have ceased using Oasis to reduce microplastic pollution. We are looking to use more seasonal, local flowers and plants. We can sometimes use potted plants as well as cut flowers. We will avoid using flowers that have been flown from overseas. We are considering which local flowers can be dried for use out of season.

Three questions for all of us:

Are there any plants and flowers growing at home that we can offer in season?
Would anyone like to join the team? (no previous experience needed; you don't have to promise to do so every week; you are not expected to pay for

flowers...and you don't have to be female.)

Would anyone like to join the Land and Nature Eco Church group and look into the growth of church flowers on our site? (see below)
Speak to Judith or any of the team if you're interested.

For our prayers

Among those who are unwell we pray for Keith, for Di Edwards, for Angela McDermott and Paula McGrath.

Among those who have died we remember Amelia, Conray Arnold, and Golda Lord.

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