

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **PPC MEETING - 24TH APRIL AT 7.00PM**

Any suggestions for the committee can be placed in the silver suggestion box at the back of church.

Alternatively please email the office or Deacon Brian

### **THE LETTER - A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH - A Film**

We invite you to join us in the Church Hall on

**Friday, 28th April, 7pm**

To watch a screening of **THE LETTER** a short documentary film (80 minutes) , commenting on the impact of climate change on members of the global community. The film brings the essence of the Pope Francis's Laudate si letter to create a film of the dialogue between Pope Francis and voices from around the world. Please add your name to the sign up sheet (for seating) **This is a free event** and tea, coffee and cake will be served.

### **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE**

An invitation is extended to married couples and those preparing to marry this year, to the annual Mass for Marriage at **St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 29th April at 12 Noon**, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass) to confirm your attendance.

### **FAMILY BOARD GAME AFTERNOON**

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL

**21ST MAY, 2023**

### **THE THAMES CLEAN UP—THE BIG BLITZ**

**3RD JUNE - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE** 10.30am, Sunday, 18th Jun

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE** 12 noon, Sunday, 9th July

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23RD APRIL, 2023**

Have you ever had a 'Godincidence'?

Of course, you have - but whether you recognise such an incidence as one, is another matter.

Today's gospel begins with 'two of the disciples of Jesus', on the road to Emmaus had the most surreal Godincidence one can ever have. They were sad, concerned, disappointed and discussing matters that were clearly distressing and obviously wholly consuming, they failed to recognise another that joined and walked alongside them - the whole way. The one hope they had for a better life seemed to have been lost - and now they hear an incredulous story they cannot believe.

How often do we find ourselves in such a state? They say it's good to talk - and it is, but don't we sometimes want to do nothing else but wallow in misery? Even better when we have someone to 'agree' and 'support' us in what could easily be a downward spiral.

How often do we then start to avoid those who will tell us the truth we would rather not hear, despite the giggling voices in our own minds?

'Foolish men', Jesus calls us. And He is right, as collectively, humankind appears to struggle to see, accept and act on truth. Jesus spent His life while on earth preaching and teaching - still they killed Him. The readings following Easter all show Jesus appearing to his disciples and those he lived with almost always failing to recognise him - until he spoke, repeating what were once familiar greetings, phrases or acts.

Can we try and recognise Jesus in the familiar everyday events - that friend you haven't seen in a while turning up after long overdue WhatsApp chats, that [different] opportunity that comes up elsewhere, while you are busy chasing or deliberating on another - bumping into that person who has been on your mind - what delight such incidents bring. May each be a reminder to just how closely Jesus walks with us while on our road. May we look out for Him in all we meet along the way, renewing hopes and a burning desire to share this delight.

Yvonne Mubanga.



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (age 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Haggar.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan has to have 3 months chemo so he continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for victims of all wars.

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



**Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Richard Bertram George, Colonel Patrick Francis  
Gavin Barry, Harry Gardner, St George,  
George Hajdu, Ilona Bakacs, Rima Dwyer,  
Sean Bannon, Julia Welemars and family,  
Norah Bourne, Edna Walsh, Peadar Farrell,  
Charles Halter, Mary Burns, Gilbert Lousley,  
Anne Ouro, Christopher Stone, Yvonne De La Harpe,  
Norman Morey.