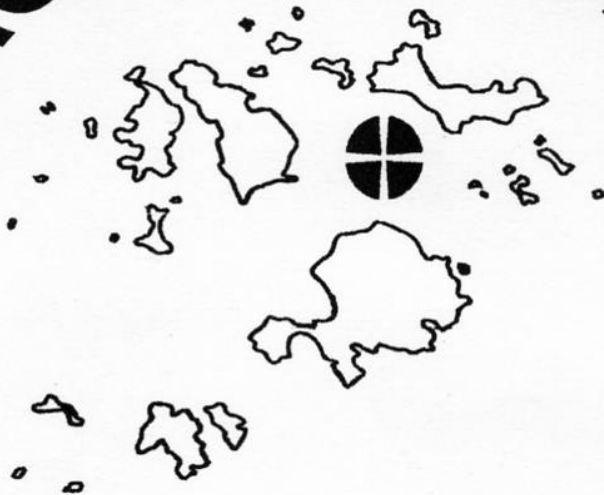


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From the Manse

As you may know or have seen in the FIA weekly newsletter, I've enjoyed some days 'on tour' with the Head teacher in recent weeks visiting the off-island school bases. I've loved the opportunity to see and continue learning more about the distinctive context of each island. Thank you to staff and students for the welcome and hospitality. I look forward to visiting again soon.

I've shared time with some of the students at St. Mary's too, thinking there about words of blessing, and looking at some of the blessing prayers that have been important through the ages. I enjoyed listening in on and joining in with some of the small group work, including the challenge of creating actions to represent some of the words that are sometimes used in prayer: 'blessing,' 'grace,' 'fellowship,' 'love.' There was no shortage of ideas or conversation as we explored the depth of meaning in each word. The whole session helped me think in a new way and to wonder what 'prayer in action' really means.

Because of the different priorities of my previous appointment in Redruth, it's a few years since I've been into or involved with schools and I'm grateful to have that opportunity here. Thinking about the changes in education over the years, it was a fun experience to be in a lesson on St. Martin's when we were taught by a 'Victorian schoolmistress;' very serious, very strict and a lot of silent individual working – I think we were all relieved that school is no longer like that.

Another example of the way things have changed over the years was in what I saw of times tables. I thought back to my own school days and the way I was taught. I remember each times table being chanted, learned by rote, unrelated to any real-life context. In 2022, 3×8 is still 24 and 9 7s are still 63, but I've seen there are different, more engaging and contextual ways of learning times tables.

I'm not one to call for change for change's sake, but neither do I believe that 'the way we've always done it' is the best or right reason to repeat the ways of the past! I'm thankful for the readiness and willingness I've found in the Circuit to reflect and review prayerfully on what and how God is calling us to be, in and for our community, here and now.

The preaching plan for the Easter season and the months of April and May is included in this magazine. On St. Martin's and St. Mary's we look forward to welcoming visiting preachers. Please note especially the changed time for morning worship on St. Mary's beginning the Sunday after Easter. The earlier meeting time has been agreed as a trial through the summer months. There are some changes from previous years in the services and events during Holy Week, too. Continuing commitment to work in ecumenical partnership, services have been jointly planned and will be led jointly across the traditions. Planning ahead is always subject to last minute change so, please, check dates and times locally closer to the event.

Mr. Wesley's call to "serve the present age" rightly challenges and inspires our practice. Ways of presentation, styles and forms may, and do, change with the times. The glorious Easter message proclaimed in our churches yet remains constant, unchanged, unchangeable – Christ is Risen, Hallelujah! Rejoicing in the triumph of love and life over all that is desperate and deathly, we pray for ourselves, others and our world.

"God of all holiness,
Your promises stand unshaken through all generations
and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low.
Renew our hope in you ... "

(Methodist Worship Book)

Rev. Carole

A Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen.

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On Saturday 19th March an ecumenical soup lunch was held in the Methodist Hall which was very well attended by locals and visitors. Friendship and fellowship were shared and donations in the sum of £700 were received for the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.

News from St Martins

At the beginning of February, the Community of St. Martin's was deeply shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Daphne (Daph) Perkins and, of course, for her family this was doubly so. Daph has two brothers living on St. Martin's, Derek and Terry, and a sister near Newcastle plus a large extended family of nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews on St. Martin's, the Mainland, Japan and Australia who will really miss her. We continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers as they mourn their loss and hold onto their precious memories.

Daph came to the island when she was eleven and since then has worshipped at our little Chapel which was a special place for her. She had a very good voice and delighted in singing hymns and for many years led the carol singing around the Island on Christmas Eve. Daph was involved with everything which happened at Chapel – flower arranging, providing afternoon tea for the Minister, special events such as Chapel teas, cleaning and even painting when necessary. For several years she did a sponsored walk with others for what is now Action for Children.

At seventy Daph retired from running the Post Office and General Store on St. Martin's after many years of service to our community and so many visitors. She adapted to many changes during that time and always had a cheerful smile on her face, cared about the wellbeing of others and is remembered fondly by so many.

In essence Daph lived out her faith by her commitment/service to the Chapel, her support and love for her family and her service to our Community whilst running the shop and in many other ways. Hers was a life well lived in so many ways and on March 11th the Island came together to celebrate and give thanks for her life in a service at the Chapel. Valerie and Julia gave fitting tributes and the Chapel was full to capacity demonstrating the high regard in which she was held. Afterwards, afternoon tea was held in the Island Hall – Daph would have approved!

For the first time St. Martin's participated in the World Day of Prayer by following the prepared service for the day which was entitled "I know the plans I have for you." We all participated and found the service moving and so appropriate given the many tensions in the World, especially in Ukraine at this time.

Our Anglican friends have worshipped with us through the winter so it was good to share worship with them in Church on February 25th and on March 18th we welcomed the Revd. Canon Perran Gay to lead our worship in Chapel.

Good Friday and Easter are fast approaching when we remember firstly Christ's sacrifice and pain on the cross for each of us so that we might be forgiven and then we rejoice on Easter Day as we celebrate His resurrection to give us hope and reassurance of eternal life.

I finish by quoting the chorus of one of the hymns which was chosen by Daph and sung at her memorial

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

Christine Savill

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A five-session Lent Course led by Cannon Perran Gay and Revd. Carole Holmes is held in the Methodist Hall on Friday evenings commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Course, entitled *Living in Love and Faith*, runs from 11th March – 8th April incl. and is open to all who are keen to learn in different ways: by reading the Bible, listening to teaching, hearing stories and discussing together. We all hope and pray that the wealth of the world can be more evenly distributed.

World Day of Prayer 2022

After having to postpone the 2021 World Day of Prayer worship because of Covid, it was good for thirty two of us to gather at the Parish Church on March 4th (the scheduled day) and join with fellow Christians around the world in a chain of reflection and prayer. The title of the service, prepared by ladies from England, Northern Ireland and Wales, was "I know the plans I have for you," a verse from Jeremiah.

Hope was the overarching theme of the service, portrayed through the lighting of candles and distribution of seeds. There was focus on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace. The artist responsible for the front cover of the service booklet incorporated these into her design; an open doorway to a pathway across an open vista suggested freedom, broken chains, justice and a dove and peace lily, God's peace and forgiveness.

Although the "I know the plans I have for you" worship was considered and prayed about well before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the readings from Jeremiah resonated with the heart wrenching situation the brave patriotic people of that country now find themselves in. Also the story of Anisa, told by a teacher and children from the Five Islands Academy, was so relevant. She was a young refugee from Iran, and we learnt of her experiences on the journey and the time of her family's successful re-settlement in England with the support of a local church. Anisa's story concluded with "Now I know that God had a plan for us."

Not only did some pupils from our local school tell Anisa's story, others read prayers and distributed packets of seeds. Many others had recorded their hope for the world inside decorated paper hearts which were displayed on the

ends of the Church pews, poignant reminders of the uncertainties facing our young people today, with Ukraine and climate change featuring strongly as grave concerns. Thank you Five Islands Academy for your welcome contribution to this special service.

As ever, I would like to express my gratitude to all adults who willingly participated in the worship – leaders, readers, the three women who told their individual stories of poverty, fear and isolation and Pam for saying the Lord’s Prayer in Welsh. Once again, Perran provided all the musical accompaniment and guided us in advance with unfamiliar tunes. Also of course, thank you to those who joined us on the day as members of the congregation.

In conclusion, I am pleased to record that I will be sending £209.50 to the World Day of Prayer organisation. Our donation will help fund grants to charitable groups across the world that support girls and women. The sum included the gifts from St. Martin’s, where those from the Anglican and Methodist churches followed the service for the first time.

Heather Terry

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Giving

On St. Mary’s the offering during January amounted to £1,300.00 and in February £919.00. These amounts include standing orders.

Handel's 'Messiah'

The original idea was not Handel's, but his collaborator's, Charles Jennens, a passionate Christian who wanted to demonstrate that Jesus really was the 'Christ,' or Messiah. This was being denied by Deists in the 18th Century, who believed God created the world and then stayed distant from it.

Jennens combed the Old Testament for texts which anticipated God's continuing activity in the world, with the expectation of greater things to come: *Comfort ye my people; Every valley shall be exalted; And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ...* and so on. Then there were poignant passages anticipating suffering, with deep significance for Christians: *Behold the Lamb of God; He was despised; Surely He hath borne our griefs.*

Throughout the work, there is the strong sense that God is both omnipotent and also intimately involved with the human race: *How beautiful are the feet; the kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ.* The Hallelujah Chorus, the best known of the work, concludes the second part of 'Messiah,' before the focus shifts mainly to the New Testament and Christ's resurrection and triumph; *The trumpet shall sound; Death where is they sting; and finally, Worthy is the Lamb.*

Handel composed the music in 24 days, writing across the final manuscript, "To the glory of God." As he finished the Hallelujah Chorus, he said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself."

The work caused a stir by being presented in concert halls, rather than churches where some felt sacred works belonged. The first performance was in Dublin in 1742 and raised funds for charities. One of the soloists was Susanna Cibber, a woman of questionable reputation, whose rendering of "He was despised" so moved the Revd. Patrick Delaney, that he cried out "Woman, for this be all thy sins forgiven thee."

German-born Handel, who became a British subject and whose finances were sometimes precarious, didn't always get on with the wealthy Jennens, but the two men share a single mission. The oratorio 'Messiah' is the result.

Thanks to Parish Pump for this article.

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## **Christian Aid**

Let men of faith and courage rise  
Where men oppressed may be  
And grant to them what most they prize  
The joys of liberty.

Where sad and lonely are afraid  
And call from beds of pain  
They look to us for Christian aid  
They must not look in vain.

Where famine and distress abound  
For help Thy children cry  
Wherever want and fear abound  
Our help we can't deny.

As through the world of want we go  
Our daily prayer shall be  
Lord speak to me that I may know  
How much depends on me.

*By Timotheus*

## What a Young Monk Found.....

A young monk was assigned to help other monks copy out the old canons and laws of the Church by hand. On his very first day he noticed that all the monks were copying from copies, not from the original. So, the new monk pointed out that if someone had made even a small error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all the subsequent copies.

The head monk said; "You make a good point, my son." So he went down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts were held in a locked vault that had not been opened for hundreds of years. Hours went by and nobody saw the old abbot.

Finally, the old monk returned, looking distraught.

"We missed the **R!** We missed the **R!** We missed the **R!**

The word was .....**CELEB R ATE !** "

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**Life is short,  
Break the rules,  
Forgive quickly,  
Kiss slowly  
And never regret anything that  
makes you smile.**

People are often unreasonable, irrational and self centred.  
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them *anyway*.

*Words that are widely attributed to Mother Teresa and that used to hang on the wall in her office in Calcutta.*

*Don't ever forget the last line.*

**Open Up** ..... *From Nick Fawcett's book 'Daily Prayer 2'*

### **Read**

*Why is it you can see the speck in another's eye yet not the log in your own? How can you say to someone, 'Allow me to remove that speck from your eye,' when there is still a log protruding from your own? Hypocrite! Take the log out of your own eye first and then you will be in a position to take the speck out of someone else's. Mathew 7:3-5*

### **Ponder**

Most of us, I suspect, would want to be regarded as open-minded, accepting of others. And rightly so, for didn't Jesus himself say 'Judge not, lest you be judged?' In other words, avoid imposing dogmatic rules in questions of morality and ethics, for there's more to most situations than meets the eye. Yet Christians are frequently perceived as bigoted and self-righteous, and with good reason for the history of the Church is littered with a shameful catalogue of intolerance. Over the centuries, those who even remotely questioned orthodoxy have been excommunicated, imprisoned, tortured, persecuted as heretics or burnt at the stake – witness the Crusades the inquisition and the pogroms, to name but some – and still today such insularity lives on in attitudes towards gay rights, euthanasia, or even women bishops, as though Christians must necessarily speak with one voice on such matters – invariably critical. Little wonder that narrow-mindedness and religion are still seen by many as synonymous. The problem is not only that we cling rigidly to cherished beliefs, resisting any ideas that threaten them, but also that we use faith to bolster our personal prejudices.

Being willing to question long-held convictions takes courage, yet surely that should be a hallmark of authentic discipleship, for if God is truly God we always have more to

learn, and at best only partially grasp his ways. That doesn't mean adopting a position of 'anything goes,' but it does mean being willing to test our convictions in genuine dialogue. There are limits to open-mindedness, of course. We would never, for example, condone murder, hatred, greed, child abuse, exploitation, corruption and a host of other vices. But we should beware of turning religion into a moral code that says little about truth and still less about love. If only we could be more open to other people's points of view and less prone to pass judgement, we could help to avoid so much of the intolerance that still blights our world today.

### **Pray**

Loving God, too easily I turn faith into an intransigent moral code in which I sit as judge and jury. Save me from a legalistic religion that is so full of certainties it has no room left for love. Give me wisdom, compassion and sensitivity in all my dealings with others, and above all the humility to accept that others may be right and I may be wrong. Amen.

### **Remember**

Brothers and sisters do no malign each other. There is one lawgiver and one judge who is able to save and to destroy, so who do you think you are to pass judgement on your neighbour?  
*James 4:11,12*

### **Close**

Open my mind, Lord, to you and to others, and help me to walk the way of love, however uncomfortable it may be. Amen.

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Dear You,

When you got up this morning, I was right there, eager to share the new day with you but, in the kitchen over coffee, you turned the radio on. Back in the bedroom, it was a mad rush to get ready for work.

So I waited.

When the trains were late you sat idle on the station platform for 15 minutes. I hoped you might share that time with me, but instead you `phoned a friend to get the latest gossip. Finally, on the train, you buried yourself in your newspaper.

So I waited.

At work, of course, you were there hectically busy all morning. At lunch I thought you might just remember for a moment, because you paused before you started to eat – but then you recognised some people nearby, and the moment was gone. As was the rest of the afternoon at work.

So I waited.

I hoped we might have a quiet word on the way home on the train but you dozed off. At home there was supper to make, and then various household jobs to do.

So I waited.

Finally, you finished for the day. You collapsed on the couch with a hot drink and looked around you. I drew closer eager for you to turn to me, but you reached for the remote control, and on went the telly. I backed off – I



know from experience that I can't compete when it comes to competing with a quiz show.

So I waited.

Now you are tucked up in bed again, feeling worried about several things and generally worn out. The Bible is right beside your bed, full of words of love and comfort for you. But sadly somehow, the latest issue of your favourite magazine has been put on top of it and so you reach for that instead.

In a little while you will be asleep and I shall take up my loving guard and protection over you for yet another night. I will wait. I love you so much that I will wait for you again tomorrow. But it is hard to have a one-sided conversation.

Your friend  
Jesus

*Anon.*

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A dream written down with a date  
becomes a Goal  
A Goal broken down into steps  
becomes a Plan  
A Plan backed by Action  
becomes Reality

## Songs of Glory .....

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand –  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
    Within a weary land:  
A home within a wilderness,  
    A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
    And the burden of the day.

Upon that Cross of Jesus  
    Mine eye at times can see  
    The very dying form of One  
    Who suffered there for me.  
And from my stricken heart, with tears,  
    Two wonders I confess –  
The wonders of redeeming love,  
    And my own worthlessness.

I take, O Cross, thy shadow  
    For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
    The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
    To know no gain nor loss –  
My sinful self my only shame,  
    My glory all – the Cross.

*Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane.*  
*The Methodist Hymn Book 197*  
*(1933 edition)*

Elizabeth Clephane, daughter of the sheriff of Fife County in Scotland, is the author of this hymn. She was born in Edinburgh in 1830, and after her father's death she lived the rest of her life in the village of Melrose, about thirty miles southeast of Edinburgh. Her radiant personality and her concern and love for the poor earned for her the nickname 'Sunbeam of Melrose.' In spite of ill health, which she experienced most of her life, she devoted her energies and most of her money to humanitarian causes. She and her sister sold their horses and carriages to give more to the poor.

Clephane wrote eight hymns. After her death in 1869 they were published in *The Family Treasury*, a monthly magazine popular in Scottish homes at that time. One of her hymns, 'The Ninety and Nine,' became popular during the revivals of Moody and Sankey in Great Britain during the period of 1873-74.

The tune we sing with 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' was written for these words by Frederick Maker in 1881. A college music teacher and church organist, Maker was loved and respected in Bristol, England, where he lived his life.

Maker gave no explanation for naming the tune 'St. Christopher,' the name of the patron saint of travellers who lived in the third century. Many legends have been passed along which describe Christopher as a giant, who after his conversion to Christianity, spent the rest of his life carrying travellers across a river. One of the legends tells of a small child who asked to be carried across. In the middle of the river the child became so heavy that Christopher staggered and said, "Child you seem to weigh as much as the world." The child replied, "I created the world, bore the sins of the world and redeemed the world." The allegory of this legend has been pictured in Christian art with Christopher (which means "Christ-bearing") bearing the Christ child on his back.

"Take my life" which was originally called "I gave my life for thee", was written in 1858 and was not intended to be kept.

## **When troubled about sharing our faith .....**

You tell us to share out faith, Lord –

In the words of Scripture, to ‘go out and make disciples of all people.’

But I’m telling you bluntly, I struggle with that:

Not just with the act of sharing,

But with the whole idea of doing so,

At least in the way most seem to understand it.

Is it embarrassment, awkwardness?

Well yes, it’s partly that, I confess.

But it’s much more, going far deeper.

You see, I’ve encountered too many eager to evangelise others, win them to faith, and, quite frankly, it seems to me they do more harm than good.

Not just Jehovah’s Witnesses turning up on my doorstep, or tub-thumping street-preachers haranguing passers-by, but many other well-intentioned, sincere people, attempting to speak of you and for you, yet coming across as false, artificial,

insincere – turning people *off* rather than in any way attracting them to the message of the gospel,

their pious platitudes confirming people’s worst fears about

Christians, instead of in any way communicating the reality of your love.

Some point to the first disciples, to the Apostle Paul,

to missionaries in the early Church,  
and say we should be like them,  
insisting that we should speak of you wherever and  
whenever possible.

But I can't help feeling times have changed,  
What seemed meaningful then in danger of coming across as  
hollow today.

I don't want to hide what I believe - though at times, to avoid  
being pigeon-holed, I do just that -  
but I don't want to bludgeon people with it either,  
or for my faith to estrange me from others,  
and I know from what I've seen all too often that it can do  
just that.

Help me, Lord, to witness to you,  
not through clichés and jargon,  
nor through empty words recited parrot-fashion.

Enable me instead,  
through the things I think,  
the words I speak,  
the deeds I do,  
and the life I lead,  
to testify –

Eloquently, honestly and sincerely – to your love for me  
and for all. Amen.

*'Praying Without Pretence' by Nick Fawcett*

## **Good News ..... Trust in God**

Having previously said that I like to listen to the Daily Service on the radio, LW, at 9.45 – 10 a.m. Monday to Friday, this morning was especially appropriate. Opening with Isaac Watts wonderful hymn, "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come ....." We sang it often at school assembly and it is sung at the Cenotaph every November on Remembrance Day.

There is nowhere else we Christians can go. Peter, speaking to Jesus said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." (*John 6:68*)

We are tested and our faith is tested. We are encouraged to hear Jesus say in *Matthew 7:24-29*, "Build on the rock." Our great need is to build our lives on a good foundation – Jesus. His finished work on the Cross, where He paid the price for all our sin. He has become our righteousness, our bridge, or, way back to God. Jesus is the rock of our salvation.

So – 'Come, Thou Fount of every blessing – O to grace how great a debtor – Here I raise my Ebenezer.' Another lovely hymn.

Hitherto has the Lord helped me! We will encourage ourselves in Him, the God of our Salvation.

Our God reigns!

*Pauline Jackson Cocking*

## **FIVE WAYS TO A KINGDOM COMMUNITY**

Be connected – Worship & Fellowship

Be active – Healthy Living

Be learning – Discipleship

Be generous – Stewardship & Service

Be alert – Spirituality

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Jesus said to him,  
"You are not far from the Kingdom of God." *Mark 12.34*

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*≡ This is what God's ≡*

*≡ Kingdom is Like ≡*

A bunch of outcasts and  
oddballs gathered at a table,  
not because they are RICH or WORTHY  
or GOOD, but because they are  
HUNGRY, because they said

**YES**

And there's always room

For MORE

*Rachel Held Evans*



We wish God's blessing on all who are celebrating their birthday in April and May.

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### **Prayer Requests**

As always, please do feel able to ask Revd. Carole if you would appreciate pastoral contact or the prayers of the Church.

## **St. Mary's Methodist Church** **Services during the Easter Season 2022**

*(See separate page with details for Holy Week arrangements for St. Mary's)*

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April:** **Palm Sunday** - 10.30am in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** **Easter Day**  
06.30am Sunrise celebration at  
Buzza Hill  
  
10.30am Easter Communion  
Methodist Chapel
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** 9.30am in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** *Time and appointed preacher*  
To be confirmed
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** *9.30am in the Chapel*  
*Revd. Stephen Radford*
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** 9.30am in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes – Holy Communion
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** 9.30am in the Chapel  
Aldersgate Sunday
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May:** 9.30am in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes

**St. Martin's Methodist Church**  
**Services during the Easter Season 2022**

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April:**      **Palm Sunday** – 3pm in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April:**      **Easter Day Celebration**  
3pm in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes – Holy Communion
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr:**      3pm in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May:**      **10am in the Church**  
United Service
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May:**      11am in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May:**      11am in the Chapel  
Songs of Praise
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:**      3pm in the Chapel  
Revd. Carole Holmes – Holy Communion
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May:**      10am in the Church  
Revd. Jane Willcock

## **Holy Week Services**

(See local notice boards for confirmation of these arrangements)

### **Maundy Thursday:**

7.30pm

**The Last Supper, The Garden And Betrayal** (Parish Church)

### **Good Friday:**

9am – 9.30am

**The Arrest, Trial and Sentence of Death**

(Front of the Methodist Chapel, or indoors if wet)

9.30 am -10am

**The Way of the Cross**

A silent walk accompanying the cross to the hilltop

2pm-3pm

**The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus**

A service of quietness with hymns and short reflections (Parish Church)

5pm – 5.15pm

**Jesus is Buried**

Evening Prayer (Parish Church)

### **Easter Day:**

06.30am

**Christ is Alive! Sunrise worship**

(Buzza Hill)

10.30am

**Easter Communion**

(Methodist Chapel, St. Mary's)

11am

**Easter Communion** (Parish Church)

3pm

**Easter Communion**

(Methodist Chapel, St. Martin's)

8.15pm

**Easter Epilogue** (Old Town Church)