

St Canice's News



11 April 2021
EASTER 2

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

After a week in which our nation received the sad news of the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we will pause to remember and give thanks for his service. We also reflect on the difference that faith can make even in the saddest of circumstances, and how even a flickering, dormant faith can be revived in the unlikely of circumstances.

WORSHIP

Please contact Elaine on 07860809598 to ensure a place next Sunday, or mention to any of the wardens today if you intend to be here next week. We plan to continue to provide online services on the St Canice's YouTube channel. An audio CD is also available – just ask the Rector. Please still send your photos for the "Virtual Parish" by Thursday to:

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BEING A BUILDER FOR ST CANICE'S

Last week, the Rector encouraged us to respond to his invitation to become "builders" for this church and our community, as we plan to emerge from lockdown. Enclosed with your Easter magazine is a Pledge Card, designed to help us commit to this challenge.

Please consider prayerfully whether you might add your name to the team. As we were reminded last week, if you don't respond, that is an answer in itself.

No response is
a response.

And it's a powerful one.
Remember that.

HALL PROJECT GROUP

This group, which reports to Vestry, met recently to consider the next steps to take in relation to our Hall. They were encouraged by the news of the £50k received from the Priorities Fund, which places us in a better financial position. We will launch a Building Fund shortly, encouraging parishioners to contribute to the upkeep of the Rectory, church, and hall.

CONFIRMATION

The group will restart by Zoom this Friday 16 April in preparation for the Confirmation service on 13 June.

PASTORAL CARE

If you know of any parishioner who needs support, either spiritual or practical, please tell the Rector, and he will respond. He's particularly keen to hear of anyone in hospital.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

The Easter General Vestry will take place next Sunday 18th April, immediately after a short worship service. As well as electing Vestry members, there will be a short presentation on the church's finances for the year ended 31 December 2020. To book a place, please contact Elaine on 07860809598. If you would like to stand for Vestry, and are unable to attend, please send an apology to Elaine elaine.way25@gmail.com

CHURCH MEMORY CLOTH

We are creating a large cloth to reflect St Canice's "Through the Years". The centre of the cloth is an embroidered image of the church, surrounded by embroidered names of parishioners, old and new. If you would like your signature and your loved ones to be added, we suggest a minimum donation of £5 per name. Please contact Roberta on 07720405550 or sinfumishing@aol.com

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

The NI Executive has issued new guidance about attendance at weddings and funerals. From 12 April 2021, numbers can be increased from the current 25, "as informed by a risk assessment for the venue". The Rector will agree numbers permitted to attend with families concerned.

THRIFT SHOP

Although the shop remains closed until government allows non-essential retail to reopen, the shop has created its own Facebook page – New Beginnings St Canice's Thrift Shop. Please "like" the page and share with your friends. There are some very good bargains to be had, and kerbside deliveries are being made.

CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE

The April issue is available online and in print now. Visit www.gazette.ireland.anglican.org

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like confidential prayer for anyone (including yourself), please call/text Ann 07547202649

JAM

For information about our live interactive Sunday School session, email Claire at: eglington.youthworker@gmail.com

MAHAJANGA

We raised £1250 in our appeal for Mahajanga, which has recently been severely affected by the South African Covid variant. It's not too late if you'd like to make a donation to this. Please contact the Rector.

OCCASIONS

Congratulations to Jennifer Smyth and anyone else who had a birthday or anniversary this week. Please let us know of your life events.

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The Collect and Readings

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.