



# Newsletter

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Easter Sunday

Rev George Perera presiding  
Service of Holy Communion

**Hymns** Jesus Christ is risen today, Sing out an Easter song, See what a morning, Thine be the glory

**Readings** Acts 10. 34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Mark 16.1-8

**Collect for Easter Day** God of glory, by the raising of Your Son, you have broken the chains of death and hell. Fill Your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

No Searchers, Praise and Play or Bible Book Club this week

**Wed Apr 3rd** 9.45am Holy Communion  
10.30am Coffee, Craft & Chat in church

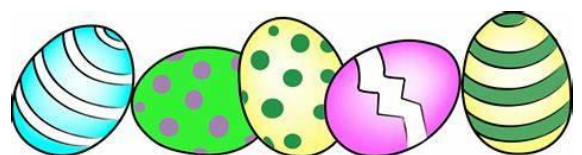
**Fri Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm CAST Group (Caring And Sharing Together)  
Talk by David Casement – The Laxey Wheel  
Book swap. Refreshments on arrival. Everyone welcome



**Please pray for** Phyllis Gabriel, Pam Smailes, Barbara Owens, Marj Johnson, Andy, Joseph, Marj Juxon, Elsie Jones, Edie Mercer, Ethel Wilson, Val Beatty, Rebecca's nephew, Carol, Paula Watson, Margaret Gleave, Ken Gleave, Tricia Rendle, Barbara Lord, Ian and his son, Lambert Hughes, Stef Gough, David, Rose Sanderson, Margaret Dunne, Kathy Adams, Rob Johnson. Jason. Eddie and Paula and all who have recently lost loved ones.

Agnes James sends her love and thanks for your kind prayers over the last few weeks.

On Good Friday, in the Happiness Hall, the Easter Craft event was enjoyed by 67 children and 56 adults! Lots of new families joined our church families for a morning of fun and an Easter Egg hunt. Thanks to everyone for all your support in our mission and outreach work.



**Lent basket for Alder Hey** Rev George Perera will bless our basket this morning before it is taken to the babies and young patients at Alder Hey hospital. Thank you to everyone who donated

We are delighted to have Wirral poet Eric Craven with us at the CAST meeting on **Friday 19 April at 1.30pm**. He is semi-retired from education where he was a special school head teacher and latterly one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. He now mainly spends his time supporting head teachers of special schools, holidaying and writing largely whimsical poems. He has two books published (Alexa, I'm honorary Irish and Love, Hurt & Whimsy) and also a CD of his work. The afternoon will consist of poetry with Eric and some music with Sue Farley.



### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the hall on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** as part of our Café church service. You are encouraged to join the church electoral roll as that will enable you to vote on church matters. If you are not sure whether you are on the roll please speak to Geoff Bagnall who is the Electoral Roll Officer. A list will be displayed in church. Applications are invited for anyone wishing to serve as a churchwarden or on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Please pray and see if God is leading you towards this ministry. You will need to be proposed and seconded and forms will be made available soon. Could anyone leading a church group please send a short annual report to one of the wardens for inclusion into the main report.



Praise and Play is a parent and toddler group that meets in the Happiness Hall on Mondays 10am-11am during term time. Why not come along and meet with a great group of friends. Join in with stories, song, craft and snack. Don't come alone, bring a friend and meet us together. Have a word with Tina Johnson if you wish to find out more.

The **Coffee, Craft and Chat** group meet every Wednesday at 10.30am. The group is currently knitting scarves for a homeless project in Liverpool and baby knits (hats and pairs of hearts and teddies) for Alder Hey hospital. You don't have to be able to knit or crochet – just come along for a cuppa and a chat. However, yarn and needles are available if you wish to learn – we will teach you! Speak to Helen Sharples or Jane Wheeler

**CAST (Caring And Sharing Together)** is a group that meets in church twice a month on Fridays at 1.30pm. It is open to everyone. If you haven't been before, why not come along and meet new friends over a cuppa and a chat. The programme is varied and includes speakers on various topics, quizzes, films and sometimes music and poetry. Refreshments on arrival, book swap and sometimes a raffle. The next 2 meetings are on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April. Speak to Camelia Usher-Galvin for more information.

You can now read the newsletter on the church website  
[www.stjohnsknottyash.org](http://www.stjohnsknottyash.org)

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Thanks to Gill for taking on website admin

***'Do not fear, for I am with you. I will strengthen you and help you' Isaiah 41:1***