



The Welcoming Benefice of Clifton, Haynes and Southill  
**All Saints' Church, Clifton**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Easter 3

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**Today's services**

09:30	Southill Holy Communion
11:00	Clifton All Age Worship & Baptism
12:15	Clifton APCM

**Collect (special prayer for today)**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Today's readings: Acts 3:12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the

prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

**Luke 24:36-48**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**Welcome to Louie Murphy**

We welcome Matt and Sam Murphy, and their families, as they bring baby Louie to be baptised during this morning's service.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

## Church Floodlighting Sponsors for April

Sponsor	Dedication
Peter & Kathy Blackmore	In memory of Bill Inskip, Chair of Parish Council, and Arthur Dilley, Tower Captain, who both died on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of this month. Remembered with great affection.

If you'd like to sponsor the lighting, please complete the form at the back of church and return to either the churchwarden or by email to [benefice.admin@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:benefice.admin@clifton-beds.co.uk).

### Prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm: Bishop Alan, Barry Livesey, Gary Edwards, Eileen Tobitt, King Charles, Maureen's daughter Lavinia, Paul Coombs & family, Princess of Wales and Shirley & Norman Knapp.

Please pray for all the children, staff, parents and carers in our schools.

Also for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel and for those working to end exploitation and improve human rights.

We also pray for The Food Banks in Biggleswade and Stotfold and for those in need in our community. Also for those volunteers from our congregations who help them with their work.

## Services and Meetings this week

15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Craft and Chat in church
	13:00	Haynes Funeral & Cremation
16 <sup>th</sup>	11:30	Launch Pad
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion
	15:00	Haynes Funeral
	16:00	Clifton Prayer Group
18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Maulden Funeral
	14:50	Southill Lower Assembly
	15:00	CASA planning meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>		

## Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter 4

09:30	Southill Morning Prayer
09:30	Haynes Holy Communion Mission Hall
10:15	Haynes Café Church
11:00	Clifton Holy Communion
18:30	Clifton Evensong

## Notices

### Churchyard Working Party 13<sup>th</sup> April

Our second session is **THIS** Saturday from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The work includes clearing graves, pulling back ivy and general tidying. The more the merrier.

Please bring your own tools (e.g. trowel, rake, secateurs, rubbish carrier and any battery operated trimmers or hedge cutters if you are happy to use such tools).

We look forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you. Fabric Committee

### Afternoon Teas

We are running the afternoon teas in the Church Hall again this summer. The dates are 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September. (The 18th August is already covered.) If you would like to help or run an afternoon, please let me know asap, so a rota can be sorted.

Thank you. Sue Welsford

### Clifton in Bloom

There are plans afoot for a village wide, weekend event over the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July and we are hoping to organise a 'flowery' event in church as part of it. If you would like to be involved either as an individual or as part of a group do get in touch with Suzanne.

We will also need a tea team and cakes so even if you are not up to flower arranging (like me) there is plenty of opportunity to help.

Kathy Blackmore 646371 and Suzanne Stapleton 811929.

### Concert 11<sup>th</sup> May

Biggleswade and District Choral Society presents "The Spirit of Spring". It includes Songs and Sonnets by George Shearing and works by Bob Chilcott, Eric Whitacre, John Rutter and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

It's at St Andrew's Church Biggleswade SG18 0JB on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm

Tickets £12 (including refreshments) from Jean Peacock and Lesley Leete.

### All Saints Southill Spring Walk Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

You are cordially invited to join us on our Spring Walk on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Meet at 10.00 am at the South door of the church. The walk will be about 3miles long through Southill Park, Warden Wood then up to Old Warden church, back into Old Warden and return to church via Southill Park for a ploughman's lunch. Donations for the lunch gratefully received towards church funds. Dogs allowed on a lead. Further details Liz McCartney 01767 314669

## PCC/APCM Notices

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

This will be held **TODAY** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting will start at 12.15pm with the election of churchwardens. This will be followed by the annual meeting and the Rector will give her Report during the meeting.

Various Notices are posted on the temporary Notice Board in the porch, including a list of Sides People for 2024-2025.

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