



## ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 31st March 2024 - Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the might resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Today we pray with Christians around the world.  
*Praise to you, God of all mercy, Lord of all being, Master of the day of judgement, Guide of the true way and path of the blessed. You alone do we serve. You alone are our helper. (The Qur'an)*

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Morning Worship: 8-9am and 1030-1130 - Rev. Rachel Leather

Reading: Mark 16: 1-8

Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/A68CXKmZEP8?feature=share>

Please join us for breakfast between 9-10 (see below) and also for refreshments in the hall after the service. You are invited to bring small posies of flowers for the outside Easter cross. Envelopes will be available for donations to the Easter Offering. (All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world.)

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### Notices

#### Easter Breakfast

A breakfast of cereal, fruit juice, toast and eggs will be served between the 8am and 10.30am services on Easter Sunday (at around 9am). No need to sign up or to attend both services – just let Ann Varley know if you have any dietary requirements if you intend to join us.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) Please note that there is no Coffee morning this week.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April) 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April) 2.30pm House Group meeting at Anne Vine's (change of venue).

Friday Club 5<sup>th</sup> April) 2.30pm Friday Club (Cotswold Listener)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April) 1030am Denise Baugh.

## Advance Notices

Watching a service directly from the website ([www.stmarksmethodist.org.uk](http://www.stmarksmethodist.org.uk))

Current service – click on “Streamed or Recorded Service” under Useful Links

Previous week's service – click arrow on video under Services Information (full screen option)  
(both services available from the website for 6-7 days)

### Alternative-Alpha Course:

Do you understand what prayer is for? Do you know what the Second Coming and/or the Rapture means? Do you know why we take communion? Are you confident at reading the bible and know where to start? If the answer to all of these questions is yes, then this new house group is probably not for you. But if you would like to find out more, if you have questions you feel embarrassed at asking, if you think everyone else in church seems to have greater understanding than you, regardless of how long you have been coming to church, then this house group is definitely for you. Rev Rachel is planning on running an Alternative Alpha Course ('Thinking Out Loud') where a variety of topics can be explored and discussed. There will be no promises of absolute certainty or only one way of answering these questions, but she will share some of her thoughts on faith, belief and doctrine, and encouraging conversation on how others find God. This will be a monthly evening House Group (location to be decided) starting after Easter...but only if there is a need for this. If you are interested in attending, please can you let Rachel know, and depending on numbers, she will get consensus on dates. For more information or to express an interest, please contact her: [revrachel.leather@methodist.org.uk](mailto:revrachel.leather@methodist.org.uk) 07470 557 332

## FOODBANK

List of needs from the Foodbank – the boxes for receiving donations for the Foodbank are by our two entrances. Thank you to all who keep filling up the boxes.

### **•SOUP - CANS OR PACKETS**

### **•INSTANT MASH, INSTANT NOODLES AND INSTANT RICE**

### **•SAVOURY SNACKS, RICE**

### **•TOILET PAPER, WASHING UP LIQUID, WASHING POWDER (POWDER OR CAPSULES PLEASE NOT LIQUID)**

### **•TINNED HOT & COLD MEATS, FISH**

### **•BISCUITS, CHOCOLATES/SWEETS, DESSERTS - HOT OR COLD, PACKETS, CANS**

### **•TINS - FRUIT, VEGETABLES, TOMATOES, BAKED BEANS**

### **•DRINKS - LONG LIFE MILK, LONG LIFE JUICES, SQUASH, TEA AND COFFEE**

### **•BABY ITEMS - NAPPIES (SIZES 6 AND 7), BABY WIPES, BABY FOOD - JARS, PACKETS**

### **•TOILETRIES - SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, DEODORANT CARRIER BAGS**