

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 am

The Gospel, the good news about Jesus, is so wonderful, so powerful that we don't need anything else. Every issue we face finds its answer in that Good news and it is the rescue that the people we meet every day so desperately need. So we are going to begin with a dive into the good news - and learn some useful verses along the way! *David*

Date/Type	Theme	Readings	Leader	Preacher
7 April MW	The Gospel – powerful and wonderful!	Isaiah 55:6-13 Romans 1:11-17	Neil & Hovan	David
14 April HC G	The Gospel in a nutshell	<i>Psalm 130</i> Ephesians 2:1-10	Ian	<u>David</u>
21 April MW	God is King!	Psalm 8 Revelation 4:1-11 Focus: v11	David	David
28 April MW	Rebellion	<i>Mark 7:14-23</i> Romans 3:9-20 Focus: v10-12	Patricia	David

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If you have an urgent request, call

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who will pass your request down the confidential Prayer Text line to a small group who pray individually

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April 2024



A vine in the process of becoming fruitful

At the time of writing, Easter is still to come, with David's Licensing further ahead; but in a few days, they will be in the past. And so it was for Jesus' chosen apostles, as they met with Him on the first "Maundy Thursday". His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension were in the near future but would soon be in the receding past - and yet: what He shared with them that night would stay with them for the rest of their lives and become part of ours.

Jesus' image of the Vine and Branches in John 15 begins, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser." (v1) For Jesus, His relationship with the Father was at the centre of everything. In the same way, He reminds them that their relationship with Him is to be the centre of who they are and how they live: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him... bears much fruit." (v5).

Becoming fruitful is a strange process - it involves being cut back, as well as growing. Jesus explains in v2, "...every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." *Continued overleaf*

Hovan Catchatoor CtL Area Warden

Hovan writes ...

In the days and years ahead, the Lord will - sooner or later - call each of us to let go of something which has been very important for us: not because He is displeased with what we've done, but because He has something else for us.

David's arrival will no doubt accelerate this process - perhaps he and even Katy might be the secateurs in God's hands! But however this call comes to us, may we be given the grace to receive it as the Father's own work in our lives, preparing us to bear the kind of fruit which He values most.

Points for Prayer and Praise

1. **We thank God and pray for David and Katy King**, as they begin their new life in Broadfield as vital parts of the body of Christ the Lord.
2. **Pray for David in his role as Vicar of Broadfield**: for open doors, for faithful co-workers, for grace and wisdom as he guides the church and reaches out to the wider community.
3. **We thank God and pray for our Parish Nurse, Juliette**: for God's guidance, discernment, strength and protection.
4. **Pray for a shared vision** of how God wants Christ the Lord to grow this year and how we all can be part of His plan.
5. **Thank God and pray for someone you know** who does not yet know Christ's love: for hearts to soften and open towards Him.
6. **We thank God for our politicians and pray** for God's integrity and inspiration for them, preparing for the General Election.
7. **Pray for the peace and hope of Christ in their healing** for those struggling in body, mind or spirit.

SPECIAL NOTICE

1st – 18th April

Electoral Roll Review in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Ascension Day, Thursday 9th May). If you are part of CtL but not on the Roll, please ask Neil or Hovan for a form.

Note There will also be an **ADCM** at CtL on *Sunday 28th April*.

WHAT'S ON?

WEEKLY

Sundays

10 - 10.45 am

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11 am – 12.15 pm

Mondays

10 am - 12.30 pm

THIS MONTH

Every Tuesday

10 am – 11 am

Every Thursday

9.30 am – 1 pm

Wednesday 3 April

7.30 – 9:45 pm

Sunday 7 April

11 am

Sunday 14 April

3.30 pm

Fridays from 19 April

10 am – 12 noon.

Sunday 21 April

12:30 pm onwards

Tuesday 23 April

12 - 1.30 pm

Wednesday 24 April

7:30 – 9:30 pm.

CtL Kids church (term-time only) in the Small Hall by foyer kitchen.

CtL service in church followed by refreshments

Monday Munch Community Café (term time only) – good food, low cost, free chat!

Parish Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Tilgate followed by refreshments.

The GATE Fairtrade coffee shop at St Mary's church, Southgate – open throughout April.

Licensing of David King as Vicar of Broadfield – Communion service led by Bishop Martin, followed by refreshments in the Main Hall.

David and Katy's first Sunday at CtL - Morning service **followed by a Shared Lunch** - all welcome!

Messy Church at Holy Trinity, Tilgate in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

Kintsugi Hope A 12 week course at St Mary's, Southgate, taking steps towards mental and emotional wellbeing. Contact **Claire Jordan** at wayuphigh@blueyonder.co.uk /on 07948969986.

Parish Shared Lunch at Holy Trinity, Tilgate for Jill and Mark Alderton's 40th anniversary.

Ensemble Reza free music concert at CtL. Refreshments at 12, concert 12.30 - 1.30 pm.

DCC Meeting in the CtL Quiet Room (*To precede the ADCM on Sunday 28th April*.)