

Daffodils (Narcissus) inspire with themes of rebirth, joy, and resilience, marking the first sign of spring. They symbolise new beginnings, friendship, and hope.

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*Draw near to God and
He will draw near to you
James 4:8*

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Dear Friends,

People often ask me about how they experience the Holy Spirit. There is a large conversation about the Holy Spirit set out on the Alpha course and I think often people feel they have missed something which makes them feel inadequate and that others who have a more fulsome experience to them can be viewed as superior, having reached another level to them. Now, I do not want to de-bunk all experiences of the Holy Spirit, but there can be a pressure to speak in tongues or act in some other way to signify that He is working.

One dear Christian I know was kept in a room, the door locked, until she spoke in tongues! I state clearly now that the Holy Spirit is not a "vibe." He is not a moment in a service. Not a swell in the music. Not a tear during sung worship. He is the Spirit of the Living God. He teaches. He corrects. He comforts. He commissions. He is not emotional excess. He is eternal authority. Being led by the Holy Spirit is not instability. It is alignment. It's obeying when logic argues. It's moving when others hesitate. It's stopping when everyone else rushes. It's knowing when to speak. Knowing when to stay silent. Knowing when to walk away. Knowing when to stand firm.

Acts 1 v 8 says, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

He positions you in rooms you didn't plan. He gives you words you didn't rehearse. He gives you courage you didn't manufacture. He makes you steady when others panic. Bold when others fold. Being Holy Spirit-led doesn't mean you're extreme. It means you're anchored. It's the only way to carry fire without burning out. The only way to move in authority without ego. The only way to walk in influence without losing your soul.

Let them misunderstand your conviction. Let them call you intense. You are not here to blend in. You are here to be led. You don't carry emotion. You carry the Holy Spirit. And He is not hype. He is holy.

May God bring you joy as you grow to recognise that you are fully loved and completely accepted as you are NOW!

David

With grateful thanks to Natalie Breckenridge

World Day of Prayer

At Christ Church on Friday 6th March - 3.00 pm. All welcome

Bible Study

This will take place on the following Tuesdays at 2.00 pm.

March 10 and 24

Annual Church Meeting

This will take place on Sunday 12th April. There will be lunch after worship followed by meeting.

Since we haven't yet had our Christmas Lunch, I will do my best to make this one "special".

Rainbow Prayer

Equipment – paper, coloured pens or paints

The Bible often uses symbols to represent hope. One of these is the rainbow. Draw or paint a rainbow using the seven colours.

As you colour each of the bands say a prayer:

Red = Rebuilding. Pray for those who have lost their homes, communities and livelihoods due to conflicts, wars, occupations, climate and natural disasters. Pray for those who need to return and to rebuild their homes and lives. Pray for free access to materials, finances, and resources to aid with this process.

Orange = Obstacles. Pray that all obstacles are removed from stopping people living together in harmony – political, financial, and practical obstacles.

Yellow = Young People. Pray for all young people and children who have seen too much destruction and sadness. May they know God's love and peace, and the hope that things will get better.

Green = Giving of Aid. Protect the gifts of aid (food, water, building, medical, and school supplies) being sent from other nations that they will safely reach those in need.

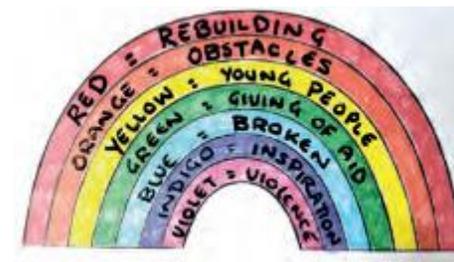
Blue = Broken. Pray for those who are hungry or left injured and disabled by war. Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

Indigo = Inspiration. Pray that nations will be inspired to find ways to work together for peace and justice. Pray that God's kingdom of love and peace will come very, very soon.

Violet = Violence. Pray for an end to wars, genocide, starvation, thirst, lawlessness, and racism. Pray that peace will break out across the whole world.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for rainbows that act as a visible reminder of your promises to us of love, hope, and a fresh start after difficult and challenging times. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Communion Offering for March

Children's Hospice South West.

For more than 30 years Children's Hospice South West has been caring for children and young people with life-threatening conditions by providing children's hospice and professional family support services. We are dedicated to making the most of short and precious lives through the provision of the best possible hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions. The care offered at each of our three hospices is not just about medical and nursing support for sick children but enriching lives of the children and their whole family.



March Rotas

	Flowers	Readers
March 1 st	Barbara	Jeffrey
March 8 th	Donation	Peter
March 15 th	Flower Fund	Jeremy
March 22 nd	Sally	Richard
March 29 th	Donation	Philip

A striking Quotation

On the door of Daniel Bachman`s church, taken from an inscription in Lubeck Cathedral

“You call me Redeemer – but you will not let yourselves be redeemed.

You call me the Light of the World—but you do not look to me

You call me the Way-- but you do not follow me

You call me the Life-- but you do not desire me

You call me the Master -- but you do not believe me

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – MARCH 2026		
SUNDAY 1ST	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 8TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mrs Jane Holt	11.00AM
TUESDAY 10TH	BIBLE STUDY with Revd. David Jewell	2.00PM
SUNDAY 15TH	COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 22ND	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. Rachel Haig	11.00AM
TUESDAY 24TH	BIBLE STUDY with Revd. David Jewell	2.00PM
SUNDAY 29TH	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Brian Jones	11.00AM

Easter Services

April 2 ND	MAUNDAY THURSDAY TENEBRAE 7.00PM With Revd David Jewell	
April 3 RD	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE With Methodist Friends	10.00AM
April 5 TH	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP With Revd David Downing	11.00am

My Favourite things by Julie Andrews

Sung by Julie to commerrate her 79TH birthday

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings
Bundles of magazines done up in string
These are a few of my favourite things

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings
These are a few of my favourite things

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak when the knees go bad
I simply remember my favourite things
and then I don`t feel so bad

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring
These are a few of my favourite things

Back pain, confused brains and no need sinning
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames
These are a few of my favourite things

When the joints ache,
When the hips break, When the eyes grow dim
Then I remember the great life I've had
And then I don't feel so bad

CLEAN HANDS

The Queen, in her pristine white gloves, was a picture of elegance. Bobby Moore's hands, by contrast, were covered in dirt. He had just captained the English football team to a historic World Cup win. But now it dawned on him that he was about to shake hands with his Monarch, Sweat dripping, stress rising, he frantically wiped his hands on his grubby Shorts.

It's a funny and very relatable moment. We've probably all felt awkward or unclean - especially in the presence of someone with authority over us. So how do we handle such encounters?

It's the question on the psalmist's mind as he considers his position before the heavenly Monarch: "Who may stand in his holy place (PSALM 24.3) Who indeed? " The one who has clean hands and a clean heart) (v4)

Whenever I read that, my first instinct is to step back, I feel like Bobby Moore, intensely aware of my unclean hands before my perfect King. But then I see how the psalmist defines those with "clean hands" they don't "trust in a idol"(v4)

It is idolatry to rely on ourselves - or on anyone or anything other than God - to make our hands clean from sin. Instead we step forward trusting only in him. We are welcome in His "holy place" because we are hidden in Christ by faith (COLOSSIANS 3:3). Amazingly, the Saviour's clean hands are now ours

In what might you be trusting to give you a sense of "cleanness and wellbeing?" How can you put your hope and faith in Jesus alone?

Dear Jesus, thank you for fulfilling this image in Psalm 24
You are my cleanness, my Holiness and my right to stand in the "holy place."

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