



**Welcome to St Edburgha's Church**  
**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

***During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Chapel.***

**Collect:**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading:**

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; • **therefore can I lack nothing.** <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures • **and leads me beside still waters.** <sup>3</sup> He shall refresh my soul • **and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.** <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; • **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.** <sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; • **you have**

**anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.** <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, • **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Second Reading:**

**Acts 2.42-end**

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **Gospel Reading:**

### **John 10.1-10**

<sup>1</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*Children's activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.*

## **For Your Prayers**

Lyn, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo  
*\*\*Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list\*\**

## **Monthly Charity**



## **Supporting our Community**



**Your donations** of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

## **Children and Families Work:**

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**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 – Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

## Electronic Order of Service



**Advance notice!**  
**Christian Aid Week this year will run from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026.** I hope to carry out a walking challenge once more and will be looking for sponsors! We will also be running a bucket collection outside Iceland at the Yew Tree shopping centre on 16/05/26 and holding a church collection on 10/05/26. **If you feel that you are able to help in any way, would like to join the ‘70k in May’ challenge, or would like further information, please contact Sylvia Roberts on 07771 655789**

## Updating the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll needs to be updated before the APCM in May. If you are already on it, you don't need to do anything. If you would like to join it, please fill in a Form from the back of Church and give it to Chris Palmer. Any questions ask Chris or Lorraine

## Special Services

**Today, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Compline Service at 6:30pm

**Tuesday 28th April**  
Hope and Joy Service  
11:30 am -12:15pm

## Hymn numbers for today

**467**  
**589**  
**138**  
**453**

## Other Notices

### **May Dates for Arts and Crafts Exhibition in Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May** 10am – 4pm - Free Entry

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** 12 noon – 4pm - Free Entry

## Fund Raising Event

### **9<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night**

£10 includes Supper, bring your own drinks. Maximum size of 6 persons a team. Bookings on  
0121 291 0401

## Church Openings

It's that time of year again, when we try to open the Church on alternate Sunday afternoons from **May** to **September**. If you can help run a session please sign up or ask Enid, Lorraine or Pauline Baker for more information. Help with providing home made cakes available. Many thanks 😊



**JOIN US FOR**

**Messy Church**

Join us on the third Saturday of every month at 10:30am until 12:30pm.  
16<sup>th</sup> of May  
20<sup>th</sup> of June  
18<sup>th</sup> of July  
15<sup>th</sup> of August  
19<sup>th</sup> of September  
St Edburgha's Church Rd, Yardley, Birmingham B33 8PD

The image shows a promotional poster for Messy Church. At the top, it says 'JOIN US FOR' in yellow on a blue background. Below that is the 'Messy Church' logo, which features the word 'Messy' in white and 'Church' in yellow, set against a red splatter background. The central part of the poster is a photograph of two children sitting at a table, engaged in a craft activity. They are surrounded by various colorful materials like paper, glue, and scissors. The bottom part of the poster is a yellow box containing the event details: 'Join us on the third Saturday of every month at 10:30am until 12:30pm.' followed by the dates '16<sup>th</sup> of May', '20<sup>th</sup> of June', '18<sup>th</sup> of July', '15<sup>th</sup> of August', and '19<sup>th</sup> of September'. At the very bottom, the address 'St Edburgha's Church Rd, Yardley, Birmingham B33 8PD' is listed.

He Is  
Risen  
Indeed

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am –  
12:30pm**