**Churches Together in Windsor**

**Newsletter**

***Spring 2023***

***Message from the Chair:***

Dear Friends: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Somehow we have been through Holy Week, Easter day and now heading towards Ascension and Pentecost at what seems like an alarming rate! Some may think Easter is over but we are in a point of time in the liturgical calendar called- the great 50 days of Easter. We have a large banner along the wall at St Andrews and not a year goes by without someone asking us to take it down because Easter is over! We are in fact Easter people every day!

All the churches in our town continued to share the Easter message in a variety of ways as is our custom, and together, the Good Friday walk of witness was reintroduced and is now firmly fixed in the Town's diary for the future. Our next 'together' event will be Thy Kingdom Come season, from Ascension to Pentecost. This is our annual opportunity, over 10 days, to pray, together, for each other, for specific people in our lives, for God's love to be made know in our community, for God's kingdom to come. Please make sure you share the calendar of events and support where you can. And our next 'together' service will be held at Windsor Methodist on Pentecost Sunday, our coming together to celebrate the season.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the sculpture on display up at the Parish church in town. It is an almost life size sculpture of the Last Supper, by Peter Barnes, and is visiting our town for a few months. The sculpture is covered in a mosaic of computer keys, over 55,000! The keys are placed in patterns and feels a bit like a word search in places, as you follow the pattern and discover lines that hold key biblical text, I managed to find 'I am the resurrection and the life'. But, for me, the most wonderful thing about the sculpture is how the arrow keys seem to gather and flow in lines towards the centre figure, Jesus. The keys then form a circle, all the arrows point inwards and to the central 'heart' of Jesus, and keys inside the circle are made up of 'home' keys.

Churches Together in Windsor is made up of such a wonderful variety of Christians, we are all different keys on the same key board, all with different uses, but we all point in the same direction- towards Jesus Christ our Saviour- our home key.

Here is a reminder of what CTW is all about:

Enabling Member Churches to develop mutual relationships, find common ground, work together to build God's Kingdom, live and share the Gospel, evangelise together, take further steps towards fuller unity, respond to the needs of society and witness to the Gospel together, and reflect together on the nature and purpose of the Church in the light of its mission – each church sharing with others the treasures of its tradition.

With Christ as our 'home' key - He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessings,

**Revd Rosie, Rector of Clewer, Chair of CTW**

**Good Friday Witness**

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Description automatically generated with low confidenceThis year, Windsor's Good Friday Witness organised by Churches Together in Windsor took the form of a **"Walk of Witness"**through the town centre, allowing individuals to focus on the impact of Jesus' life, ministry and final hours before his crucifixion. Reflecting some of the ecumenical breadth of local worship, the cross-led procession began at Windsor Methodist Church and continued on to several other churches, where participants stopping briefly at each for a moment of silent prayer: St. Edward the Confessor RC Church; Holy Trinity Garrison Church; Windsor Baptist Church; Christ Church URC and Windsor Fellowship Church; and passing near St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, before finishing at Windsor Parish Church of St. John the Baptist. The Witness concluded with "Were You There" and an ecumenical selection of prayers before participants quietly dispersed.

*A Christ Church URC member observed, "We much enjoyed the Walk of Witness. The leaders and cross bearers gave just the right impression... I think the Witness was well respected. Wording on the sheet and the spoken prayers were just right. Thank you for organising it."*

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WINDSOR**

**THY KINGDOM COME / PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18th – 28th MAY 2023**

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*Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.*

Experience **Pentecost Stations** for Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)

Six stations are set up around the churches to provide an interactive multi-sensory way to engage imaginatively with the events surrounding Pentecost.

1. Waiting – For the Holy Spirit to come**- St Edwards**

2. Receiving – With the Holy Spirit Came - **Windsor Methodist** (Cornerstone Chapel)

3. Telling – After the Holy Spirit came, the believers began to tell others - **St Andrews**

4. Doing – After the Holy Spirit came, they were bold enough to take action

5. Sharing – After the Holy Spirit came, they began to work together - **Dedworth Green Baptist Church** (displayed in the front window of the entrance area)

6. Growing – After the Holy Spirit came, the Church began to grow- inside **Windsor Parish Church.**

During these 11 days churches in Windsor are offering various opportunities

for us to come together to pray.

***During these times, and at any other time you are able to, please pray for an outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit upon our churches and communities.***

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Venue** | **Notes** |
| ***Daily, 18th – 27th May 2023*** | ***5pm*** | ***Zoom (hosted by St Andrews)*** | ***Zoom prayer (contact St Andrews for link)*** |
| Thursday 18th May 2023 | 9.30am  12 noon  6pm  7.30pm | St Edwards Church  St Andrews Church  St Edwards Church  Holy Trinity Church | Morning prayer  Service of the Word for Ascension  Evening prayer  Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day |
| Friday 19th May | 9am | Holy Trinity Church | Morning Prayer |
| Saturday 20th May |  |  |  |
| Sunday 21st May | 5.30pm | All Saints’, Frances Road | Choral Evensong with St Andrew’s |
| Monday 22nd May | 9am | All Saints, Frances Road | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday 23rd May | 9.45am–12.15pm | Dedworth Green Baptist Church, Smiths Lane | ‘The WellSpring’ – a safe place where it’s okay not to be okay – pauses for prayer at 10am, 11am and 12 noon |
| 6pm | St Edwards Church | Evening prayer |
| Wednesday 24th May | 9am  9.30am  11am  12 noon  1.00 – 1.30pm | St Stephen & St Agnes Church  St Edwards Church  Holy Trinity Church  St Andrews Church  Windsor Methodist Church | Morning Prayer  Morning prayer  Holy Communion  ‘Lunch and more’  Prayers in the Cornerstone Chapel |
| Thursday 25th May | 9.30am  7-8pm | St Edwards Church  Kerith Church | Morning prayer  Prayers |
| Friday 26th May | 4pm | All Saints’ Frances Road | Messy Church for Pentecost |
| Saturday 27th May |  |  |  |
| **Sunday 28th May** | 10am  ***5pm*** | St Stephen & St Agnes  ***Windsor Methodist Church*** | Sung Eucharist for Pentecost  ***Joint Taize service for Pentecost*** |

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1 Timothy 2.1

For more details of Thy Kingdom Come 2023, and to sign up for daily prayer videos during the above dates, visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>

***Christian Aid Week:***

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Here in Windsor, we are seeking to draw attention to the plight of these vulnerable communities in Malawi and the challenges they face from climate change; and to raise funds to support them. To help us in this work, we invite members of all the Windsor churches and the wider community to join us at one or more of the events:

**Fund-raising service and BRUNCH** on **Sunday 7 May, 10.30** at Windsor Baptist Church

**Coffee & Cakes** on **Saturday 13 May, 10.00am–2pm** at United Reformed Church, William Street, or visit our Stall in Peascod St **10-2pm.**

On **Friday** **19 May**, we are holding a **CEILIDH (Scottish Dancing)** at United Reformed Church (URC) William Street (Tickets need to be purchased IN ADVANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT! from [ruth\_norris@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth_norris@yahoo.com)).

On **Saturday 20 May,** enjoy our **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** at St Andrews’ Rectory, Parsonage Lane, before moving on to **Brunch** at Windsor Methodist Church and **Pea Day Lunch** at All Saints, Dedworth.

Further details are available from [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

Thank you,

**Sarah Gardner (Chair, Windsor Christian Aid)**

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***Save the date:***

Rock the Rec: 1-2 July from 12 noon

***News from the Churches:***

From **The Reverend Canon Sally Lodge**

**Team Rector, Benefice of New Windsor in the Diocese of Oxford:**

Our big news is the installation of an amazing artwork in Windsor Parish Church which will be with us over the summer. Definitely worth popping in to take a look:

The Last Supper Sculpture by Peter Barnes Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist at High Street SL4 1LT



The Last Supper Sculpture was inspired by the painting by Leonardo da Vinci, and completed in December 2019. It is doing a pilgrimage of Cathedrals and Churches which began in Chester Cathedral on the 16th March 2020. The sculpture arrived in Windsor on 19 April 2023.



From **Alison Mount**

**Senior steward, Windsor Methodist Church**

On Saturday 20th May we will be holding a fundraising brunch in aid of Christian Aid.

During the 'Thy Kingdom Come' week leading up to Pentecost we are planning to re-open our cornerstone chapel which has been closed since the start of the pandemic and will place our Pentecost station there.

On Pentecost Sunday our morning service will involve various members of the congregation speaking in their own languages.  In the afternoon we shall be hosting the CTW Taize service.

Looking ahead we are looking forward to our holiday club for 6-11 year olds which runs from 31st July to 4th August.  This is now fully booked.

Looking further ahead we have a 'Petals and Praise' afternoon planned on Saturday 16th September; the weekend before our Harvest Festival celebrations.  This will be a flower demonstration with hymn singing followed by a cream tea.

***Ongoing activities:***

**Messy Church:**

Dedworth Green Baptist Church: **2nd Sunday of the month, 3.00 - 5.30pm**

St Andrews and All Saints Dedworth together at Clewer Green First School, **quarterly**

Methodist Church: **Saturday afternoon** (3.45 to 5.30 pm) **in school holidays:** includes craft activities, a short, fun act of worship and a meal. All are welcome. Children to be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

Methodist Church

We continue to hold a **'Teatime for the Soul' service on the first Sunday each month at 3pm**. These increasingly popular services are aimed at those who find it difficult to come to church for 10-30am and are dementia friendly. They are about half an hour long with traditional, familiar hymns and a short message followed by tea and cakes downstairs in the hall. It has been a joy to see some of our older members who have not been back to church since the start of the pandemic. All are welcome, whether members of a church or none.

**Sunday Evening Service, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**. These are friendly, peaceful, spiritual Services including prayers, Bible readings and a Sermon. One each month is a **‘Café Style’ Service** which often include interesting discussions. Our numbers of attendees vary, but normally about 12 of us. Any friends would be warmly welcomed!

The Methodist Church would also warmly welcome friends to **Prayer Group meetings** which are **6pm to 6.30pm on alternate Wednesdays in the Cornerstone Chapel**, which is the door nearest the traffic lights. Dates are published on the website and in the weekly newsletter which is circulated electronically. If you would like to receive the Methodist newsletter, please email our Church Council Secretary at [rosemarycracknell@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemarycracknell@btinternet.com) Prayers are said for Christian growth in our Windsor Churches, our community, and anything else folks may be prompted to pray for.

**Toddlers’ Group each Thursday (term time)** welcomes all Toddlers with an appropriate adult from **09.15 to 11.15am at the Methodist Church.**

***Contact details for the churches are as follows:***

***CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCHES***

**Windsor Parish Church: Parish Church of St John the Baptist**

The High Street, Windsor SL4 1LT

**Telephone:**  01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

**E-mail:** team@windsorchurches.org.uk

**Website** [www.windsorparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.windsorparishchurch.org.uk)

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

**All Saints’ Church**

Frances Road, Windsor, SL4 1HU

**Telephone:** 01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Sally Lodge

**E-mail:** [team@windsorchurches.org.uk](mailto:team@windsorchurches.org.uk); windsor.rector@ gmail.com

**Website** [www.allsaintswindsor.org.uk](http://www.allsaintswindsor.org.uk)

**Services** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

*Sunday Xtra*: Short, informal, contemporary, all age worship: 2nd and 4th SUNDAY 10.00am

**Holy Trinity** (Parish and Garrison Church),

Claremont Road & Trinity Place, Windsor, SL4 3AX

**Telephone** 01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

**email** holytrinitychurchwindsor@gmail.com

**Website** holytrinitywindsor.org.uk

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

**St Stephen & St Agnes, Clewer**

Vansittart Road, Windsor, SL4 5EA

**Telephone:** 01753 862419

**Minister:** The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

**E-mail:** team@windsorchurches.org.uk

**Website:** www.ststephenwindsor.org.uk

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.00am for one hour (rotates between St Stephen & St Agnes; Holy Trinity; All Saints' and Windsor Parish Church)

**All Saints’ Church**

Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JW

**Telephone:** 01753 841710

**Minister:** Revd.Paul Walker

**E-mail:** via website contact us page (<http://allsaintschurchdedworth.com/contact/>)

**Website** <http://www.allsaintschurchdedworth.com/>

**Services:** SUNDAY: 9.15 am – Traditional Service with Communion; 11.00am – Family Service

**St Andrew’s** **Clewer**,

Mill Lane, Windsor, SL4 5JH

**Telephone:** St Andrews Rectory 01753 852334

**Minister:** Revd. Rosie Webb

**email**: [rector@clewerparish.org](mailto:rector@clewerparish.org); [office@clewerparish.org](mailto:office@clewerparish.org)  
**Website**: <http://www.standrewsclewer.org>

**Services:** *Eucharist*: SUNDAY: 10.30am

**St George’s Chapel**

Windsor Castle, Windsor, SL4 1NJ

**Telephone:** 01753 848888; recorded information line 01753 865538

**Minister:** Dean and Canons of Windsor

**email** [chapteroffice@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:chapteroffice@stgeorges-windsor.org)

**Website:** <http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/>

**Services:** WEEKDAYS**:** Holy Communion 8am; Evensong 5.15pm

SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 8.30am; Mattins and sermon 10.45am

**Windsor Fellowship Church**

Christ Church URC, William St, Windsor SL4 1BA **Telephone**: 01753 257868

**Minister**: Rev Tim Hiorns

**E-mail**: [hello@windsorfellowship.com](mailto:hello@windsorfellowship.com)

**Website**: [www.windsorfellowship.com](http://www.windsorfellowship.com)

**Services**: SUNDAY: 4pm

***NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH***

**Kings Church International**

Office: King's House, 77a Frances Road, Windsor, SL4 3AQ

**Telephone:** 01753 832444

**Ministers:** Pastors Wes & Adriana Richards

**E-mail:** [hello@kcionline.org](mailto:hello@kcionline.org)

**Website:** kcionline.org

**Services:** SUNDAY: service 10am onlineTHURSDAYevening weekly prayer meetings online

***KERITH COMMUNITY CHURCH***

Unit 3B, Fairacres Industrial Estate,

Dedworth Rd, Windsor SL4 4LE

**Telephone:** +44 (0) 1344 862699

**Minister:** Leon Johnson

**E-mail:** [info@kerith.church](mailto:info@kerith.church), [leon.johnson@kerith.church](mailto:leon.johnson@kerith.church)

**Website:** <https://kerith.church/>

**Service: SUNDAY** 10am

***BAPTIST CHURCHES***

**Dedworth Green Baptist Church**,

Smiths Lane, Windsor, SL4 5PE

**Telephone:** 01753-832002

**Minister:** Revd. Matthew Scott

**E-mail:** [minister@dgbc.org.uk](mailto:minister@dgbc.org.uk), [secretary@dgbc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dgbc.org.uk)

**Website:** http://www.dgbc.org.uk/

**Services:**  SUNDAY: 10.30am

**Windsor Baptist Church**,

Victoria Street, Windsor, SL4 1EH

**Telephone:** 07971 298158

**Minister:** Revd.Kat Bracewell

**Community Manager**: Kate Saunders [wbckate@gmail.com](mailto:wbckate@gmail.com)

**E-mail** [windsorbaptists@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:windsorbaptists@yahoo.co.uk); kathryn.bracewell@yahoo.co.uk

**Website** [https://windsorbaptistchurch.org.uk](https://windsorbaptistchurch.org.uk/)

**Services:** SUNDAY 10.30am

***ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES***

**St. Edward’s Church**

44 Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HJ

**Telephone:** 01753 865163

**Minister:** Canon David Hopgood

**E-mail:** [canondavid@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:canondavid@catholicwindsor.org)

**Website:** <http://catholicwindsor.org/>

**Services:** SATURDAY: Mass 6.00pm

SUNDAY: Mass: 11.00am.

TUESDAY: Mass: 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Mass: 10.00am

THURSDAY: Mass: 10.00am

FRIDAY: Mass: 12.00am (weekday service times may change due to funerals etc)

**St Mark’s Church**

Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JS

**Telephone:** 01753 865163

**Minister:** Canon David Hopgood

**E-mail:** [canondavid@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:canondavid@catholicwindsor.org)

**Website:** <http://catholicwindsor.org/>

**Services:** SUNDAY: Mass 9.30am

***UNITED REFORMED CHURCH***

**Christ Church**

William Street, Windsor, SL4 1BA

**Telephone:** 01753 862007

**Minister:** Revd. Alan Wickens

**E-mail:** revawickens@gmail.com

**Website** <http://www.windsorurc.org.uk/>

**Services:** SUNDAY: 10.30am (also on zoom – see website for details)

***METHODIST CHURCH***

Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HH

**Telephone:** 01753 536357

**Minister:** Revd. Vicci Davidson

**E-mail** rev.vicci@mail.com

**Website:** <http://www.windsormethodist.church/>

**Services:** SUNDAY *Morning service* 10.30am

*Evening service* 6.30pm