

Your prayers are asked for all those who are sick, bereaved or in need of God's special help, especially:

**Sick:**

**Circle of prayer:** Sue Jeans, Georgina Tanner, Ken Toms.

**RIP:**

**Years Mind:** Jack Holindale, Rosemary Holbrook-Bull, Tony Osborne, Pauline Hurst

*You are welcome to add the names of people who are ill to the prayer list, but please be sure you have the person's permission and let us know if they would like a phone call.*

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**PEW SHEETS:** Please do not remove spares after the service, as they are needed for anyone who comes in to collect one during the week. They are also used for prayers.

**TODAY'S GLORIA:** The chorus sung at the beginning and the end and between verses is @Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest'.



**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**St Michael's, Mere**  
**21st April, 2024**

**Next week's services at St Michael's – 28th April, 2024**

**8am:** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10.30am :** Parish Communion (BCW)

**Church Electoral Roll:** Ian Fraser is getting the Electoral Roll ready for the APCM (7<sup>th</sup> May). If you would like to be on the roll and are not already, please fill in the form at the Sidemen's table. This will enable you to vote at the APCM

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Please keep free between 2pm-4pm as there will be a Plant & Cake stall in the Grove building with refreshments. All for Church funds. Want to run a Bottle Stall or a Raffle? There is room. Contact Penny Fraser.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM )- TUESDAY 7TH MAY - 7.00PM IN CHURCH:** There are forms on the table in the Friends Corner for the nomination of Churchwardens and also for you to nominate new members of the PCC. There is also a list of the current members who are continuing as members and who do not need to be re-nominated. If you would like to serve your church in this way, just ask someone to nominate you.

**REPORTS FOR THE APCM.** The Annual Report of the Church's activities and the Financial Report for 2023 are available on the table in the Friends Corner. Please take one of each and read them in readiness for the APCM. One per family please to save paper.

## **Acts 4.5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## **1 John 3.16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **John 10.11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### **Collect**

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

### **Post Communion**

**Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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