

# St Paul's Church

Dear all,

About 35 years ago I found myself at the Hammersmith Odeon in London for a concert by the band called Tangerine Dream. They were a 'niche' band that specialized in electronic music using synthesizers and sequencers. Whilst not to everyone's taste I, personally, enjoy their music enormously. I say they 'were' a band when, actually, they are still recording and performing even if, like Triggers broom (Only Fools and Horses), none of the original parts remain.

I'm sure you are wondering why I am mentioning this as though it is some 'middle aged' trip down 'Old Grey Whistle Test' memory lane. It is because I was in Coventry Cathedral last weekend as Tangerine Dream were performing there, having originally done so in 1975 – it was pleasing to note that the Dean of the Cathedral introduced the band and declared himself to be a fan, so I'm in good company. The concert, with accompanying light show, was amazing and the venue only served to enhance the experience as secular music and sacred space merged into one glorious mix of sound, light and setting.

The following day I took the opportunity to explore that sacred space further. As many will know the cathedral is built next to, and is connected to, the ruins of the original cathedral that was destroyed by bombing in the second world war. The new cathedral has that sense of new hope and possibility rising out of the ashes of destruction and much of the work of the cathedral is dedicated to peace and reconciliation.

It felt particularly poignant to be in that place at this time when Ukraine is being bombed mercilessly. We continue to hope and pray that peace and reconciliation will prevail, and that new hope will dawn.

## UKRAINE APPEAL

As you know we are donating certain funds collected during Lent to this appeal via organisations such as the DEC, although individuals can also do so directly. There are details circulating publicly of schemes where individuals, churches and community groups can register their interest to help in other ways. For the time being I have registered as 'a church' with the Sanctuary Foundation and The Welcome Church network.



Rev Chris

p.s. If anyone out there is also a Tangerine Dream fan, let me know – it would be nice to think it's not just me and the Dean!



## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

*All services are in church, zoom is available for some services.*

### **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9419951500?pwd=eTd5WEtsejRTbExYVS84QXpjbkxFT09>

Meeting ID: 941 995 1500

Passcode: 754792 (PowerPoint attached)

10 am ALL-AGE WORSHIP – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

5 pm BAPTISMS (Lauren & Oliver Williams)

### **SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY**

10 am HOLY COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM (Isla Williams) - Rev Chris (Zoom)

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

10 am CAFÉ SERVICE - Gwyn

### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL - PALM SUNDAY**

10 am ALL-AGE COMMUNION - Rev Chris (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH COMMUNION AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR -  
Rev Robin & Rev Anthea

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY**

2 pm AN HOUR AT THE CROSS - Rev Chris

### **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL - EASTER DAY**

10 am HOLY COMMUNION - The Ven. Andrew & Rev Anthea

### **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

10 am HOLY COMMUNION - Rev Chris

## **EVENTS**

### **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

7 pm ART EXHIBITION (small hall)

### **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

2.30 pm MOTHERS' UNION - Easter Bonnets & hot cross buns (small hall)

### **THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

2.30 pm FELLOWSHIP - Queen's Birthday Tea & Reminiscence Session (small hall)

## **EASTER FLOWERS AT ST PAUL'S**

Easter is an appropriate time to remember a loved one, relative or friend who has died. If you would like to contribute in this way, please complete a slip and place it with your donation in the envelope provided which you will find at the back of church.

## **PRAYER RESOURCE**

**week beginning Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

*'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105)*

This week we give thanks for:

- God's gift of 'the light of life'; may we notice how it makes us feel, how it illuminates in front of us; let us pray for all who will not see the light today for whatever reason.

Please pray for:

- Peace and justice in our world, and for each of us to treasure God's image in one another and share His gifts of generosity and abundance in love for the world and its people.
- Our broken lives and our broken world; mend our relationship with God, with one another, and with the world God gifted us.
- Our Church family: all who are housebound, lonely or unwell; for Joan, Gilly, Barbara, Hazel, Edith, Peter, Sheila, Pat, Alice, Jill, Trevor, Tony and Maureen; and in our wider church, for Ruth, Joan and Helen.
- Our eyes to be open to see the people we often ignore; listen to those we pass by and open our hearts to be changed by their stories.

**This week we use the Church of England prayer:**

*God of peace and justice: we pray for the people of Ukraine today.*

*We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.*

*We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.*

*We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.*

*Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen*