

## Family Registers

### Burials:

09.02.18 Muriel Senior (85), Denham  
09.02.18 Ernest Smith (79), Denham

### Thanksgiving of a child:

04.03.18 Addiena & Gwilym Davies, Uxbridge

# Moving On!

How do we live our lives as followers of Jesus? How do we establish healthy habits so that we continue to grow in faith? **On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April we are starting a new course at the Rectory**, where we will explore these questions in a small group with group discussions, short videos and bible reflections. If you want to

- grow in your Christian faith
  - discover more about following Jesus
  - find out more about being a committed member of the church
- then it's time for *Moving On*!

**Interested? Please let our church office know as we will limit the group size to 10-12.**

We are currently reviewing *Denham Parish News* with the aim to refresh and relaunch it soon. Hopefully this calendar will help you to stay up-to-date and connected. For any questions about our church, please contact our church office or go to our website.

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## Calendar for April 2018

### IS EASTER FOR APRIL FOOLS?

Dear friends,

Have you noticed that the date of Easter changes every year? It's quite a complicated calculation because it is tied to the Jewish Passover festival, during which Jesus died and rose again. Passover follows a lunar calendar, unlike our solar calendar. Already confused? Don't worry – thankfully the experts work it out for us each year.

It so happens that this year we are celebrating Easter Sunday on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### An April Fool's Joke?

To disbelieve the resurrection of Jesus is not a modern phenomenon. After Jesus rose from the dead the Jewish authorities spread the rumour that his disciples stole the body. Other theories suggested that Jesus hadn't really died and recovered, or that the resurrection appearances of Jesus were a group hallucination of the disciples. **So what should we believe and does it matter?**

Josh McDowell was an agnostic and he decided to study the resurrection in great depth (he spent more than 700 hours on the subject!). He came to the conclusion that either the resurrection of Jesus Christ was one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever invented, or it is the most amazing fact of history. In the end, he was convinced of the latter and became a Christian. **So what arguments for the resurrection did he find?** Here are some:

- The resurrection is presented as a *historical* event and as a *physical* resurrection - Jesus ate and drank! Far more copies and far older copies of those gospel accounts of the first Easter survive than of any other ancient book.
- St Paul talks about 500 witnesses who saw the risen Christ, many of whom would still have been alive at the time of writing – it was quite easy to check his sources.
- If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then we have no explanation why the Christian church started – after his death his followers were frightened and locked themselves in. Later the same disciples invited others to believe in the risen Lord Jesus and most of them died a martyr's death for doing so. No one is willing to give their life for a hoax!

**Does it matter whether Jesus rose from the dead?** If he did, we know that our sins are forgiven, that God's love in Jesus is stronger than any power of darkness and evil and that death will not have the last word. If he didn't, our hope is in vain, as St Paul says. Does it matter? Yes it does!

May you know the power of the risen Lord Jesus in your life. **Happy Easter!**

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## April 2018 Calendar

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 am	<b>Easter Day</b> <b>Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>Family Service. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>(with Sunday Club for children)</b> <b>followed by a short service of Holy Communion</b> <b>and Easter egg hunt around the church</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Baptism Preparation Evening. <i>The Rectory</i> (Please contact the church office to register)
	10.30 am		Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30 am	Little Lions Toddler Group. <i>St Mark's</i>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12noon 7.30 pm	<b>NO</b> Lifegroup for Women. <i>The Rectory</i> <b>NO</b> Evening Prayer	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's Vestry</i>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Service with Discussion Group. <i>St Francis Chapel, New Denham</i>	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>Sung Communion</b> <b>(with Sunday Club for children)</b> <b><i>Nine-A-Day: Joy</i></b> <b>Messy Church for families. <i>St Mark's</i></b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm 10.00 am	PCC Meeting Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's Vestry</i>		10.30 am	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Holy Communion BCP. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>Sung Communion. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>(with Sunday Club for children )</b> <b><i>Nine-A-Day: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit</i></b>		4.00-5.30 pm	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon 7.30 pm	<b>NO</b> Lifegroup for Women. <i>The Rectory</i> <b>NO</b> Evening Prayer.	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12noon 7.30 pm 8.00-9.45 pm	Lifegroup for Women. <i>The Rectory</i> Evening Prayer. <i>The Rectory</i> "Moving On" Course. Session 2. <i>The Rectory</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's Vestry</i>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	PCC Meeting
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>Morning Worship. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>(with Sunday Club for children &amp; Older Children)</b> <b><i>Nine-A-Day: Love</i></b> <b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting. <i>St Mary's</i></b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30 am	Little Lions Toddler Group. <i>St Mark's</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.45 am	Lifegroup for Women. <i>The Rectory</i> Holy Communion. <i>Denham Garden Village</i> Evening Prayer. <b><i>The Rectory</i></b> <b>"Moving On" Course. Session 1. <i>The Rectory</i></b> (To register your interest, please contact the church office)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's Vestry</i>
	10am-12noon 10.30 am 7.30 pm 8.00-9.45 pm		Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Holy Communion. BCP. <i>St Mary's</i></b> <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>(with Sunday Club for children)</b> <b><i>Nine-A-Day: Peace</i></b>
			Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon 7.30 pm 8.00-9.45 pm	Lifegroup for Women. <i>The Rectory</i> Evening Prayer. <i>The Rectory</i> "Moving On" Course. Session 3. <i>The Rectory</i>