



Roath News

Easter & Pentecost 2019

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The Clergy are always available to minister to the sick and dying. Please inform the clergy of sickness. Holy Communion may be received at home by those who are unable to come to church.

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Confessions and the Sacrament of Healing by arrangement.

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June**

From the Vicar of Roath, the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk

My dear Friends,

“When did Jesus die?” was the question that one of our bright young Sunday School pupils recently asked one of the teachers. “On Good Friday” was the accurate reply. The child persisted “But we have just celebrated his rising from the dead. So when did Jesus actually die?” The wise Sunday School teacher replied “Go and ask the Vicar”!

Of course it is understandable that such questions arise because we have a great emphasis at this season of the year to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection. However the events that followed are not so much talked about in the popular imagination. The world is filled with chocolate eggs and new born lambs and nature pouring new life into the world which is easily seen alongside the Easter message.

However the answer is that Jesus did not die which is not such an easy concept. The feast of the Ascension reminds us that after his Resurrection appearances, Jesus gathered his disciples together and took them up to a high mountain. Surrounded by a cloud Jesus parted from their sight and returned to His Father in Heaven. You only need to look at the great East Window in St Margaret’s to see a glorious representation of this in stained glass. An ideal visual aid for our Sunday School children and all of us.

However the Ascension is not a Christian festival that has been adopted by commercial forces and the mass media age in which we live. It is nevertheless important because it reminds us who seek to follow Jesus that, in the words of St Teresa of Avila, that we are Christ’s hands and feet on earth now. In other words we are to do Christ’s work as we seek to follow Him. It is a tall order and for many a daunting prospect. Perhaps that is why we see so many forget the Ascension and its significance.

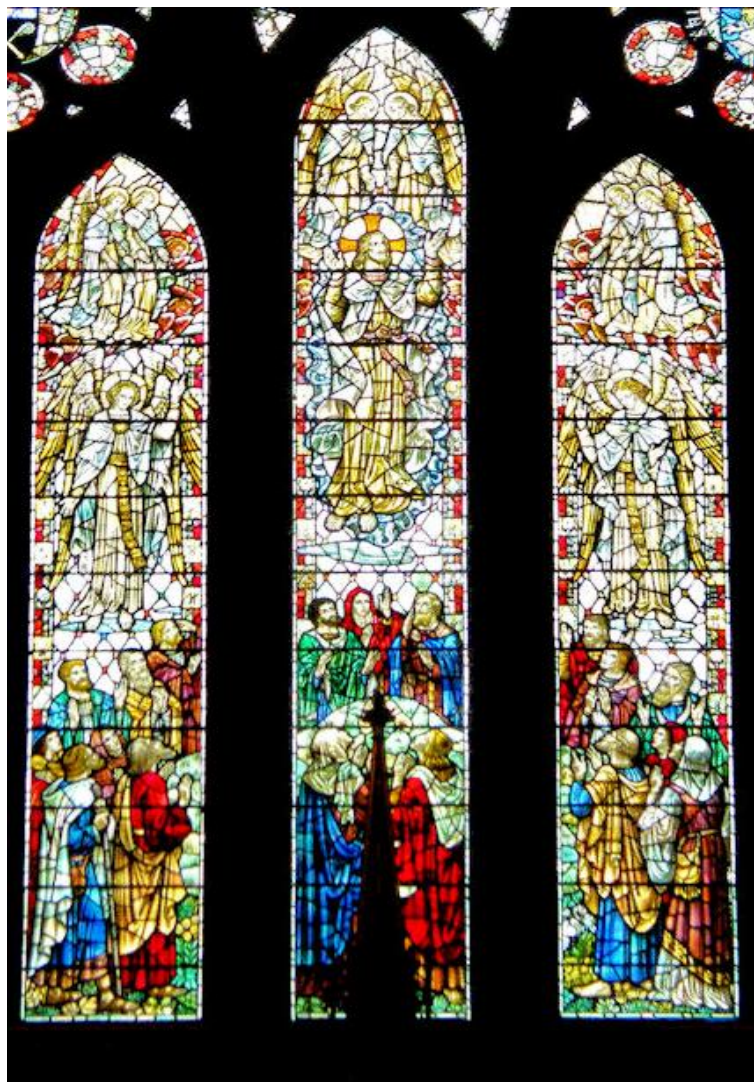
We might find it overwhelming if it were not for another neglected Christian feast that follows, that is the Day of Pentecost or Whitsunday. The time when we remember God sending His Spirit into the world. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength and the impetus to do God’s work. In Christian terms we

call it God's grace, without Him we can do nothing. If we try to do the work of God now, without him, then we will fail. We are foolish to think we can rely on our strength alone but must put our trust in Him and seek his guidance.

God in Jesus is not dead. He is alive and working within us, in His Church and the World. The glory of Easter is fulfilled by the mystery of the Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. That Spirit is alive and working in us when we seek to do God's work.

With every blessing and good wish

Stuart



Part of the East window of St Margaret's depicting the Ascension of Jesus in front of his disciples

From the Rt Revd June Osborne, Bishop of Llandaff

Dear Churchwardens and Parish Officers, 29th March 2019

CLERGY WELLBEING

You may be aware that the Church in Wales has been conducting a review into clergy remuneration, considering the package of benefits which stipendiary clergy receive, including stipend, housing and pension. This review is still in progress and we will not be sure of suggested changes until at least the end of the year. However I am hoping I can ask for your help with regards to one matter which has already been highlighted by the review. The Working Group responsible for the review conducted a survey of all stipendiary clergy and a high percentage participated. More than 50% of the clergy who completed the survey described a situation where they were unable to take their full quota of annual leave and were working far too many hours in the average week.

You and I know this picture to be accurate. Most of our clergy are deeply conscientious and dedicated to their pastoral ministry. They often put the demands of their ministry before the comforts of their family or their own well-being. They make themselves available when they are meant to be having time off and routinely work long hours. Some of what they do will be hidden to ordinary parishioners who may not be aware of the extent of a Parish Priests duties. They find it difficult to be away from the Parish at weekends because of their commitments to Sunday services and other weekend responsibilities such as weddings or Parish events.

It may be normal for clergy to always work six days a week and take little annual leave, but it is not a compassionate way for us to operate and it can easily demoralise or break the health of individual priests. We share together the care of our clergy and have an interest in getting the very best from them.

Which is why I am proposing that all our Parish clergy be encouraged to take their full allocation of leave (4 weeks including 4

Sundays and the inside of the week following Christmas Day and Easter Day) plus an additional 4 ‘weekends’ (which may be two consecutive days off midweek) in each year. We should remember that clergy rarely take any of the annual 8 Bank holidays available to others in Wales, and so miss out on opportunities for families and friends to get together and to take added refreshment. Time off does not include a few days of annual retreat for spiritual refreshment which I also hope every priest organises for themselves to re-charge their spiritual batteries.

I hope you will support me in this initiative. I am asking church-wardens especially, but all Parish Officers, to encourage and where necessary insist that their clergy take time free of parish obligations. There will inevitably be practical consequences, for instance, how we find cover for services, but I have already had retired clergy endorse this move and express their willingness to be available to make it possible – many of them requiring nothing but possibly travel expenses. It may also be that we must think more carefully about including more non-Eucharistic services when we can deploy our willing Readers or lay worship leaders.

Area Deans and Archdeacons will be all too willing to help you make the adjustments which are necessary to implement this change and will want to know if it causes significant problems for your Parishes. Yet the first task is to discuss this requirement with your clergy and win their agreement to taking this time off. Where there is a will there is a way!

May I ask you to establish the habit of these weekends off? I’m confident that if we do, we will find our clergy even more efficient and effective, and feeling better cherished in their service of Christ’s ministry.

With my best wishes to you,

✝ *June*

Some Reflections on the Lenten Study Course

The parish study group normally meets once a month on the 3rd Sunday evening at 7.45pm. During Lent, however, we commit ourselves to meeting each Sunday evening and pursuing, where possible, a theme or series of subjects which ‘hang together’. This year, as a member of the group, I suggested we studied together ‘Being Christian’ – four talks given by Dr Rowan Williams dealing with Baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist and Prayer – four major facets of the Christian life.

Dr Rowan Williams has spent years lecturing in academia, at both Oxford and Cambridge, as a theologian, philosopher and poet of international repute. He came out of the formal academic life some 25 years ago to become Bishop of Monmouth, Archbishop of Wales and then the leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion as Archbishop of Canterbury. After ten years in that role, he went back into university life in 2012 as Master of Magdalene College Cambridge. ‘Being Christian’ is one of the many writings Rowan has produced since his retirement from high office within the church.

Having suggested we study this booklet, I must admit that I began to have ‘cold feet’ as I read it again. Our group of approximately a dozen committed Christians contained no theological expertise! I had been in ordained ministry for 60 years, 42 of them as a full-time parish priest. But I had no **academic** theological training; three years’ study for an Arts degree in English, History, Philosophy and Classics (and I struggled with the latter), and then two years of **fairly basic** biblical, liturgical and pastoral theology, before ordination at the age of 21 in 1958. Could we cope with the thinking and writing of one of the Christian church’s most eminent modern theologians?

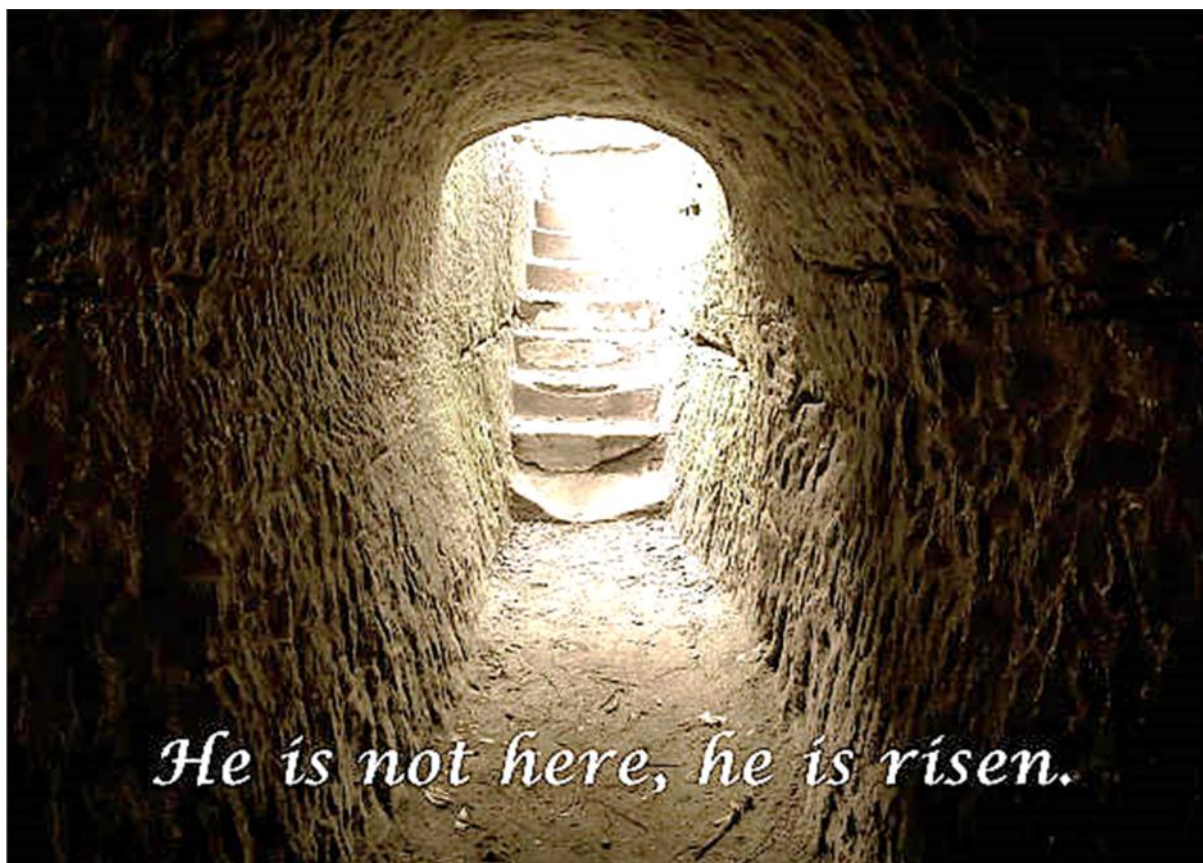
I needn’t have worried. Yes, we did struggle at times to understand his depth of thinking – particularly when dealing with some the theologians of the early church – St Gregory of Nyssa, St John Cassian, a monk from southern Russia who studied in Egypt, Origen and Gregory from Alexandria – great saintly men from the early centuries. Names we may have heard, but knew little or nothing about. Suddenly their minds are

made available to us as Rowan examines their theology and thinking about the main aspects of the Christian life. We could not help but be inspired as well as overawed as we discussed their thinking.

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer took on new dimensions as we too were drawn into the mysterious deeper meaning of the basic elements of our faith as Christians. I am not claiming that we always understood, but we were all moved by the profound thinking that surrounds the claim of 'Being Christian'. Our faith merits much more discussion and respect than most of us had ever really engaged in on our experiences of Christian pilgrimage so far. I had obviously underestimated the ability of this small band of committed but 'ordinary' Christians, in getting 'cold feet' before we started. Not only did we eventually cope, but we all felt more aware of God's expectations of us as Christians.

John Woodward

Thanks to Gill Day and Steve Rowson for leading three of the sessions. I led the one on the Eucharist.



WHY WE CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter is the most important feast day on the Christian calendar. Regularly observed from the earliest days of the Church, Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection from the dead, following crucifixion. It marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, and the last day of the Easter Triduum (starting from the evening of Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday), as well as the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

The resurrection represents the triumph of good over evil, sin, death, and the physical body.

Easter is a "movable feast" and does not have a fixed date; however, it is always held on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Many Eastern Orthodox churches follow the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian. In this case, the observance of Easter can occur between April 4 and May 8.

Year	Easter Sunday (Gregorian calendar)	Eastern Orthodox Church (Julian calendar)
2019	April 21	April 28
2020	April 12	April 19
2021	April 4	May 2

<https://www.almanac.com/content/when-easter-2019-how-easter-date-determined#>

ST EDWARD'S NOTES - EASTER 2019

THANKS to the choir and orchestra for their moving rendition of Faure's Requiem on Good Friday. A full church was present to appreciate the beauty of the music.

PRE-VESTRY meeting took place on Sunday 7th April after the Eucharist. Canon Stewart presided and battled on, despite a bad cough. He thanked by name those who contribute to the 'team-work' which keeps the day to day life of the church running. Mrs Kathie Mayer was re-elected as Peoples Warden, and Nick Steele agreed to another year as Vicar's Warden. PCC members, Janice Goble, James Whitley and Heather Doe, also the Wardens and Treasurer Geoff Smith who has agreed to serve for another year. The committee members proposed include Alan Mayer, Sue Jewell, Hannah Way, Frances Gerrard, Lesley Lewis, Ann James, John Leeds, Sue Mansell and Jane Colley. PCC members and wardens are automatically members of the committee. All decisions were ratified at the Parish Easter Vestry 29th April 2019.

WELCOME We were delighted to welcome Johan, Kate, Amelia and Seren, all baptised at a joyful service on 5th May 2019

FORGET-ME-NOT Calendar

May 21st Ukelele Nights band

May 28th Adastri Quartet

June 4th Tipyn O Bopeth Welsh Dancing Group

June 11th Gardening + Usual Fun

June 18th Usual Fun

June 25th Usual Fun

July 2nd Wimbledon Strawberries & Cream

July 9th Phil Ellis & Rita



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Just pick a date in June to host your party and we'll be in touch with lots of tips and ideas to help you plan your Dine in for dementia. Find out more and sign up today at alzheimers.org.uk/dinein.

Best wishes,

The Dine in for dementia team



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LAST MONTH - THE BIG KNIT in aid of Age Cymru

Sunday 31st March & Friday 17th May – Lots of hats knitted

St Edward's schoolroom saw the start of this year's campaign in Roath. An enthusiastic group knitting small hats for Age Cymru and the Innocent Smoothie campaign. (For details google "age cymru" big knit). All were welcome! – seasoned knitter or never picked up a pair of needles, it didn't matter. We had plenty of wool, knitting needles and guidance to go around. Tea, coffee and cake too. See Church Newsletters for any future dates.



WELCOME BACK to Heather who has been in Hong Kong representing the Church in Wales at the Anglican Consultative Council, Heather writes:

“My week at the Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Hong Kong was full to bursting with new experiences and people. I was privileged to meet many wonderful Anglicans from the 40 provinces all round the world, and it was wonderful to share worship and work together, especially to hear the gospel and the Lord's prayer in many languages. One key thread was about our mission as Christians – a key new resource is 'Living and Sharing a Jesus Shaped Life' (link on our web page). This reminds us of the 5 'marks of mission' of every disciple of Jesus – that's all of us! WE should strive to do these 5 things: TELL: proclaim the Good News of God's Reign TEACH: teach, baptise and nurture new believers TEND: respond to human need by loving service TRANSFORM: work to transform unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation TREASURE: strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth I hope we can use these ideas to inform and inspire our church and daily lives. A more detailed report to follow!”

A WEEK IN THE LIFE....OF ST EDWARDS CHURCH

It starts on the first day of the week SUNDAY morning, one of our regular servers, Sue or Geoff arrives early to prepare for the Eucharist service. Then the meet and greet team arrives, closely followed by around 50 of our congregation, and our Sunday School, and the week begins.

Sunday afternoon the church is often in use, with musicians, rehearsals or the occasional concert; evensong at 7pm, often followed by an Opera Mint rehearsal.

MONDAYS, [TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS] evening prayer is said in the chancel (see the newsletter for times) an opportunity for

quiet reflection, join us via the red vestry door. At 7.00pm St Edward's Orchestra Practice, approximately 50 people playing instruments of all shapes and sizes making music together. At the same time there is a Jazz Workshop in the schoolroom.

TUESDAYS 2.00pm Forget Me Not Café. In the Schoolroom. .

WEDNESDAYS 10.15am Holy Eucharist 7.00pm Clarinet Choir rehearsal in the vestry. 7.25pm Recorded Music Society in the schoolroom.

THURSDAYS 10.30am Rock Choir. 1.00pm Penylan Singers 6.30pm Junior Choir Practice. 7.30pm Choir Practice. FRIDAYS 10.30am Creative Writing Workshop.

SATURDAYS (most) Morning Prayer, on the 3rd Saturday of the month a coffee concert, on other Saturdays, often an afternoon and/or evening concert.

In and around those busy days other activities, including cleaning, arranging or refreshing the flowers, changing the Altar Frontal, and cleaning the brass takes place. The newsletter is written and formatted weekly and our Wardens, Nick and Kathie, and other members of the committee, including our treasurer Geoff meet and communicate on our behalf.

Every couple of months the Roath News is written, printed and distributed, and it's also on-line, along with lots of other information. Alan maintains the website, the Facebook page and twitter account on our behalf.

This is just a taste of the many things that go on in and around church daily, weekly, monthly.....if you'd like to know more or get involved, speak to a member of the committee.



Please join us to Celebrate 100 years of the 19th Cardiff Scout Group
We would like to invite you to our Scout Groups events taking place throughout 2019

Centenary Events for your diary

Centenary Museum Saturday 22nd June 11:00 to 16:00

Free Entry

The Scout Hut (behind Roath Church House), Waterloo Rd, Cardiff
CF23 5AD

Centenary Tea Party Sunday 23rd June

Session 1 - 13:30 to 15:00; Session 2 - 15:30 to 17:00

Tickets £3.00 (In advance only, first come, first served)

Tickets On sale at St Margaret's Church at 9:30am service, 9th and 16th
June and

RCH foyer Monday evening between 18:30 and 19:15 3rd, 10th and 17th
June

Roath Church House, Waterloo Rd, Cardiff CF23 5AD

Centenary Songs of Praise Sunday 20th October 15:00 to 16:00

Free Entry

St Margaret's Church, Waterloo Rd, Cardiff CF23 5AD

Christmas Carol Service Monday 16th December 18:00 to 19:00

Free Entry

St Margaret's Church, Waterloo Rd, Cardiff CF23 5AD



Notes from the North. No. 37

Sorry if we are late, it is a busy 'toime up yere'. We have a base laid for the new garage. Kath is still a little nervous about the size, but I was using so much Vaseline to get in and out of the old one and skinning knuckles, she may now see the advantage of it.

The old one was an asbestos build, so the 'lad' needed the gas masks etc..for removal of same. It certainly opened the view out the back. The new addition will need a couple of 'items' to camouflage its presence.

However, as we have many of my previous belongings in the store still, it was thought time to start thinning should begin, again!!!. The garage building is arriving next week, then finally the 'electrics'. Fairly straightforward!!!!???

It has been quite an exercise, but once started, from here on only downhill!!!! (It is quite difficult to type with your fingers crossed.)

Once I stop typing, I cannot remember, what should be next; as the garage dominated my thoughts for several weeks.

The garden is going to be the next project. Adrian and I managed to move a shrub which was in danger of being destroyed by the new build, I think that is the only possible casualty. Our new gardener is starting to get down to those annoying weeds that do not want me to touch them. I am not arguing about lack of mobility!! I shall be enlisting Adrian and Colin to begin excavating the store.

The first item will be 'books', of which the several boxes, covering several subjects, notably Photographs!!! Not exactly one to be approached without some concerns.

Next Saturday, April 13th. Adrian and I were going to join a local choir to perform – Olivet to Calvary- in one of the local churches. I have picked up some thing that is not particularly pleasant. So I may join Kath in the audience.

That's about it for now, except to wish you all a -

HAPPY AND JOYFUL EASTER / PENTECOST

FROM David and Kath.

Church and Mosques come together to Welcome and Support a Family from the Syrian Crisis

For eighteen months St Peter's church in Roath and the Dar Ul Isra and Al Manar mosques in Cathays have been working together. Their joint work has been to apply to the Home Office to bring a family in Cardiff from the Syrian crisis, under the Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme. The faith communities have worked closely with Citizens Cymru, who is the Lead Sponsor.

At Christmas they heard that their application had been approved and the pace of preparation has increased in the weeks since.

A house has been identified and plans are well under way to fit it out ready for it to become a home. There are a significant number of individual pieces of work to accomplish ahead of the family's arrival, including identifying suitable schools, banking services, internet access, medical and dental services.

At 6.30pm on Saturday 27th April the two communities came together at **St Peter's Community Hall on Bedford St., Roath** to raise further funds to support this work. For details of what happened at that meeting or if you wish to support this work please contact :

St Peter's - Tel: 07913630683

Dar Ul Isra /Al Manar – Tel: 07798730512

HE DIED AT CALVARY FOR ME

Jesus, prophesied of old,
Came as ancient men foretold;
His love can still my rushing heart
Giving peace in every part;
He died at Calvary for me -
Can I say 'no' to Him?

Jesus, walking in the hills
Healing men of all their ills;
His wounds can make us whole today
If we will only kneel and pray;
He died at Calvary for me -
Can I say 'no' to Him?

Jesus, rejected, hated, cursed,
To Him humanity did its worst;
I share the dreadful deeds done then
To the Lord, the Saviour of all men;
He died at Calvary for me -
Can I say 'no' to Him?

With power God raised Him from the dead,
His cross bore all my guilt instead,
His pain can lift me from the grave,
His suffering love has power to save;
He died at Calvary for me -
Can I still say 'no' to Him?

From the collected poems of Olive M Checkley published in *Simply Jesus Book 1*, sold in aid of Chengeta School, Zimbabwe; © O M Checkley 2017
Chengeta School was built and is still being extended with funds raised by volunteers. All the money goes to the school, There are no overheads.

**SUNDAY AND WEEK-DAY WORSHIP
IN THE PARISH OF ROATH**

(For Holy Day Celebrations see Weekly Newsletter)

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WATERLOO
ROAD**

**Sun: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
9.30 am Sunday School R.C. House
(each Sunday except 1st during school terms)
6.00 pm Sung Evensong
1st Sunday in month – Evensong/Holy Eucharist**

Wed: 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH BLENHEIM ROAD

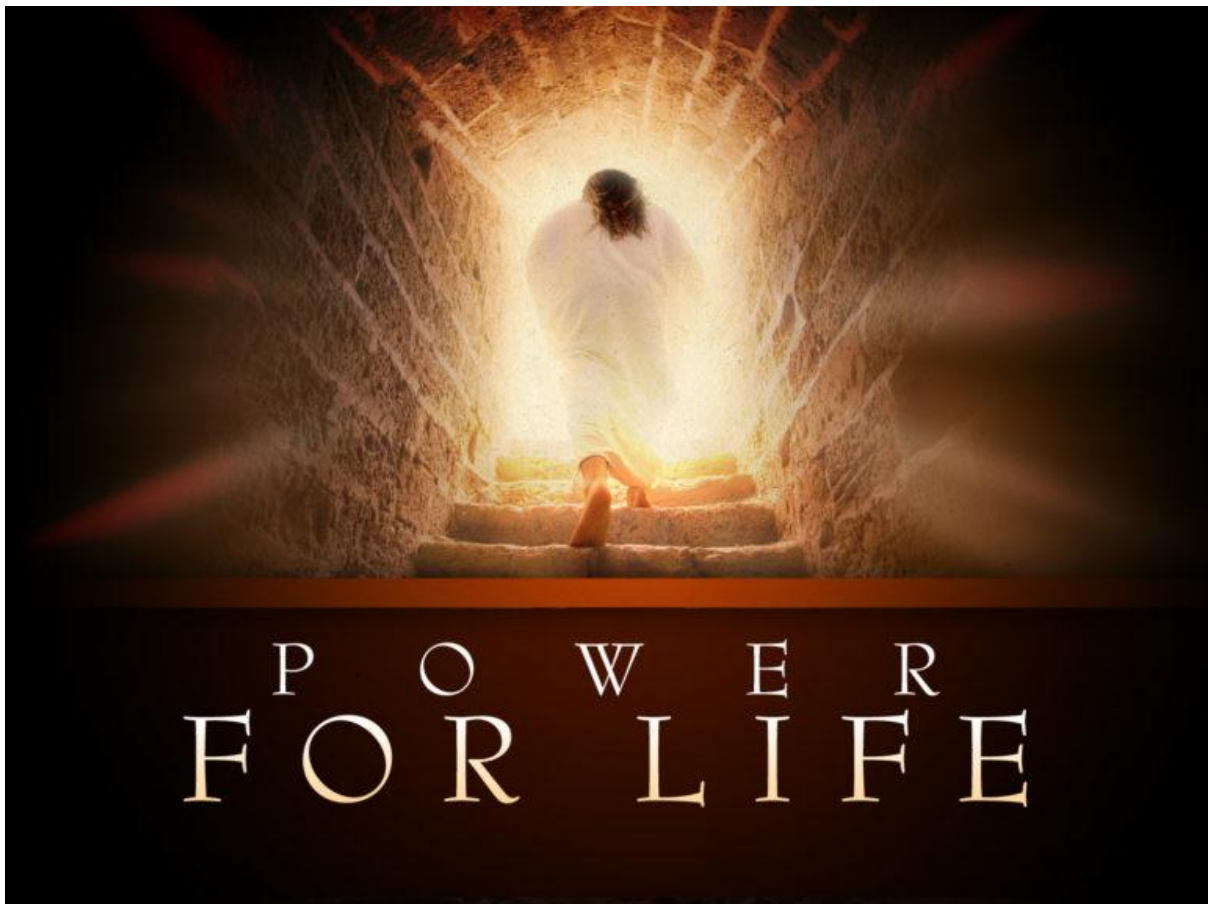
**Sun: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
7.00 pm Choral Evensong
Wed: 10.15 am Holy Eucharist**

**Conventional District of Tremorfa
ST PHILIP'S COMMUNITY CHURCH
TWEEDSMUIR ROAD**

**Sun: 9.30 am Family Communion
Tues: 3.15 pm 'Messy Church' (in term-time)**

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