**St Philip’s and St James’**

**Church Goldenacre**

**Holy Communion**

**23rd April 2023**

**Easter 3**

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| Hymn 680 | This joyful Eastertide |
| Liturgy of the Word | Rachel McLean |
| *Collect for Easter 3*  O God, who, in the death and resurrection of your Son, have raised up this fallen world: may we and all of your people, who you have saved from the gates of everlasting death, rejoice in your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. | |
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| Readings – Una  Gospel – Jane Mac | Acts 2.14a,36-41  1 Peter 1.17-23  Luke 24. 13-35 |
| Reflection | Jane MacLaren |
| Intercessions | Duncan MacLaren |
| Hymn 411 | Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us |
| Communion | Jane MacLaren |
| Hymn 695 | To God be the glory |

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**Message from Jane Green on her retirement:**

Thank you all so very much for the celebrations on Easter Day, though tinged with sadness as I leave you as Associate Priest, I hope not to lose contact with you all as a congregation and as people I have grown to know and love these last couple of years.

The lunch was wonderful, the many cards and messages of support and love moved me to tears and the gifts were frankly overwhelming. I have flowers in several rooms at home, have booked a lunch at The Kitchin for the end of our 3 month 'away time', have already filled the work box so beautifully embroidered by Jenna ready for use, and have worn the socks for relaxing in the evening.

I will remember each one of you, your commitment to St James and your love and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ every time I look at my picture of Christ in Glory which now hangs in my study above my desk.

Thank you all with all my heart,

Jane

(and I very much hope to be back with you at worship or elsewhere later in the summer).

*Jane’s card to us all is on the coffee table – have a look!*

**Vestry Summary from the meeting on 23/03/23**

* The Rector has completed her annual Ministerial Review, which was very encouraging.
* Eco group are continuing to research and gather information about how to “future proof” the church but we are not ready to “act” yet. A small exhibition of resources to be displayed in the hall on Easter Sunday.
* New Administrator Wendy Lap is now in post and proving a great asset.
* Report on Tenants and Buildings:
  + first phase of mural conservation now completed by a specialist
  + Chancel plaster remedial work to be completed by Easter to enable church worship to resume
  + new health and safety policy update outstanding
  + former buildings’ committee now superseded by a small group with Rector, Treasurer, Administrator and David Gibbon; to meet bi-monthly
* Worship during Lent reviewed and Holy Week services discussed. Plans for return to the church worship agreed with Easter Saturday morning clear up. Worship Planning group on hold just now.
* Finance report: current income on budget.
* Staffing: at present no clergy replacement identified for when Jane Green retires. Rector in discussion with the Bishop about options. Locum Clergy cover will be required at least once monthly to ensure Rector has regular breaks.
* Mission Action Plan workshop to be held after church over coffee on Sunday 30th April prior to Vestry awayday in May.

**Notices:** Still in Eastertide, this Sunday we see two followers of Christ, deep in conversation as they walk from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. They’re trying to make sense of everything. That phrase ‘we had hoped…’ is such a powerful one – so full of promise, disappointment, faith and doubt, all mixed up together. Finally, they recognised Jesus ‘in the breaking of the bread.’ How do we make sense of life and faith as we search for Jesus ‘in the breaking of the bread’ this morning?

**Dates for your diary:**

**Every Sunday 11am in Church:** Communion service and coffee in the hall

**Sunday 30th April:** Please stay after the service for a one-hour workshop looking at how we as a congregation can engage with the local community more effectively here in Goldenacre. We want to know what you think! The Vestry are having an awayday on Sat 13th May and will use ideas from the workshop to inform future planning.

**Gospel Reflections on Wednesdays at 10.30am** in the Sitting Room. Join us for reflection on the gospel reading for the week, chat, prayer and coffee. Enter down the north (Ferry Road) side of the church through the porch at the end of the passage.

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Wendy works 10:00 - 14:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday.