

HOLYWOOD PARISH

Sunday 26th April 2026

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Dear friends

At Wednesday's Holy Communion service we considered how the gospel spread rapidly from Jerusalem- especially as the early church endured persecution but transcended it as they were empowered by the Holy Spirit.



We are delighted to be hosting our 21st century partners in mission, Andrew and Joanne Quill, at morning services this Sunday, 26th April. Andrew and Joanne are back home to share about their work in Ibba, South Sudan, not far from the diocese of Maridi to which we are already linked. They will be able to give us a first hand account of the challenges and joys they experience.

One of the aspects of being a "Down to Earth" church is that the church is both very big and yet remarkably accessible these days. Please try and come along to hear our visitors at services and to meet them over tea and coffee.

I would love you to prioritise the opportunity to meet other members of the church family by joining us in the parish centre after 9.45am services or ahead of our 11.30am start. Thank you to all the volunteers who provide tea, coffee and refreshments for these gatherings. Look out for the notice on in this newsletter about a special Christian Aid focus in this slot in a couple of week's time. See page 3 for a thank you following last week's very successful fund raising lunch.

Yours in Christ,
Gareth





Parish Fellowship Bible Study – Mondays

Short series in 2 Peter (with a break for May Day) on Monday 20th April. Manageable set of studies over 6 weeks in a book about grounding our faith in a down to earth way.



Zarephath Cook-In

If you can help the team with prep in the parish centre kitchen please come along on Tuesday 28th April from 10.00am-12.00noon

Introducing Jesus

A short 3 hour course, repeated on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm and Wednesday afternoons at 2.00pm

No need to book– just come along



Diocesan Catechists and Bible Teachers

David Hughes, one of our parish readers, will be commissioned as a diocesan catechist at a special service in Mount Merrion Parish Church on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to attend.

St Philip and St James' Day 2026

Friday 1st May Service of Holy Communion at 10.30am



May Day 2026

The Parish and the Mothers' Union will both have stands on High Street. Mothers' Union will be pleased to receive donations to sell. Please call and visit. We will also have tours of the parish church at 11.00am and 12.00noon.

PrayerLine

We have a group of intercessors which faithfully prays (in confidence) for issues brought to them. If you would like them to pray for you please contact the clergy or the parish office. Updates to prayer requests are particularly welcome too.



Praying Together

Monday–Saturday 7.30am–7.45am Morning Prayer

Monday Evenings 7.00pm

Friday Mornings 8.45am

Introducing Jesus

Evangelism for Everyday Life

1 hour sessions in the parish centre:

Tuesday Evenings from 28th April- 7.30pm

Wednesday Afternoons from 29th- 2.00pm

Exodus Teams' Lunch

Thank You from our Exodus Travellers
Your generosity resulted in
donations of over £2400.





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Just Desserts

Between Morning Services

Sunday 10th May

**Donations welcome for this year's
Christian Aid Appeal**

Sunday and Midweek Services

Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Holy Communion with the parish choir
7.00pm	Holy Communion at evening worship

Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am	Holy Communion at Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion Form 2
5.30pm	Choral Evensong
7.00pm	Evening Worship

Prayer Focus

Pray about how we connect with people through our May Day events- tours of the parish church and stalls on High Street.

Midweek Communion: Wednesday Mornings at 10.30am

Service recordings on downtoearth tv [here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact the parish office

Pre-School Praise	PSP needs helpers to support their work with toddlers and families. If you don't mind getting your hands covered in paint please speak to Bridget or Emily
Sound and Visuals	If you would like to be trained in operating the church's AV setup- please speak to Simon or visit the folks at the desk on a Sunday.
Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee	Can you help us by preparing tea and coffee or assisting with clear up afterwards. Just let us know in the office.

Thank you for your financial support to the parish. If you like to discuss financial matters- standing orders, Gift Aid etc. please contact our Honorary Treasurer, Brian Beatty, through the parish office (details below).

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