

April Diary 2008

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Vicar's April jottings

Several people have asked me for the text of what I said at the very end of [refresh](#). It's a completely imaginative exercise that I enacted there for dramatic effect. When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper he took a familiar Jewish ceremony and completely redefined it so that it would take on a new meaning from then onwards. I wondered how it might feel if Jesus had taken and done the same with one of our familiar ceremonies...

The Last Birthday Party

All the friends were gathered together. They'd played games and Jesus had opened his presents. It was great atmosphere. Then Mary brought in the cake, iced beautifully and with one candle lit in the centre. Spontaneously they all broke into a chorus of 'Happy Birthday'. Jesus laughed with pleasure. As they finished singing Peter called out, "Speech!", and then the others joined in.

Jesus looked round at them all and smiled. They all fell quiet. Jesus began to speak. "This candle I blow out is my life which tomorrow will be snuffed out to defeat death for all people so that they can have a new birth in me". He leant forward and blew out the flame. As the smell of the smoke filled the room he continued, "from now on when you do this I want you to remember me".

Then he stood for a moment in silence with his eyes closed, "And this wish I make now is that you will be united in love just as I am with my Heavenly Father. Every time you blow out a birthday candle and smell the smoke I want you to pray for unity and make sure you are at peace with all your brothers and sisters. Your unity will speak of me".

And then Jesus took the knife and began to cut the cake into pieces. Taking a piece in his hand he paused. "This cake I cut is the delicious life of the kingdom. I want you all to make sure you get a piece. As you eat it I want you to remember that the goodness of the kingdom is for you to share with all people".

Then he looked around at them all. "I shan't share another party like this with you until the end of time when I will come and have the biggest party ever. I want you to carry on doing these things in memory of me until that day comes, and we can share all this with many, many people in my Father's presence. Go and do as I have said".

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
1 st Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer meeting <i>led by Bob Boorman</i>	Holy Trinity Church
2 nd Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church
	8.00pm	Warden's Meeting	Trinity House
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
3 rd Thursday	12 noon	Not-so-Young	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	Growing Leaders	St Saviour's Church
5 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting - Parish Vision	Holy Trinity Upper Room
6th SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Easter 3</u>	9.30am	All Together	Holy Trinity Church
	9.45am	20:20 Church	St Saviour's Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour	Holy Trinity Church
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7 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room

8 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
9 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
10 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
12 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting – Parish Vision	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	8.00am	Men's Breakfast with Jon Parsons	Holy Trinity Church

13th SUNDAY	9.30am	Joint All Together with Jon & Jo Parsons	Holy Trinity Church
Easter 4	6.30pm	Evening Praise with Communion	Holy Trinity Church



Aiming to keep our diaries free of routine meetings, allowing time for personal prayer, bible study and reflection. Outreach events and opportunities for corporate prayer continue.

14 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
15 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
16 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
17 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
19 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting - Parish Vision	Holy Trinity Upper Room

20th SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
Easter 5	10.30am	Intergen	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour	Holy Trinity Church

21 st Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	7.30pm	APCM	Holy Trinity Church
22 nd Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting (short)	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
23 rd Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion – 1 John 4:7-5:5	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
24 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
26 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting - Parish Vision	Holy Trinity Upper Room

27th SUNDAY	9.30am	Hands Free	Holy Trinity Church
Easter 6	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
		No Evening Service – Confirmation @	St Peter's Old Woking

28 th Monday	Nick + others	New Wine Leaders Conference	Harrogate (until 30th)
		church office closed until Thursday	
30 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall