

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide

Sunday 6th April to Saturday 12th April
St Andrew, St Paul & St Peter Blackley

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those grieving

The families of Harold, George and Alan whose funerals were this week, and those who are remembering an anniversary at this time.

Those exploring their faith

Those who are taking part in the Lent Bible study across the three groups

Baptisms

27th April - Avery and Evie, *St Andrew's*
4th May – Vinnie, *St Peter's*
11th May – Mason, *St Peter's*

Those getting married

Lisa and James – Saturday 19th April,
St Andrew's

Those caring

Staff and residents at Allendale Residential Home

Blackley residents and visitors

Redford Road, Riverdale Road and Roch Bank

Community Organisations

Volunteers and leaders at Wellmindz

Schools and Young People

All children and staff in our schools who are enjoying their Easter holidays

Worldwide Church

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 43. 16 – 21, Philippians 3.4b – 14 and John 12. 1 - 8

Dear Friends

What is your passion?

Jesus visits the home of his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany, having recently raised Lazarus from the dead. Mary pours costly perfume over Jesus' feet and washes them with her hair. Judas objects to what he sees as a waste of money, but Jesus defends Mary, knowing that her extravagant gesture is a sign of her deep gratitude and that he will soon be leaving them to go to his death.



The readings this week prompt us to question what really matters to us and to think about the important priorities in our lives – what are our true passions? On the last Sunday in Lent, we begin to look ahead to Palm Sunday and on the intense last days of Jesus' life.

Come and join us as we worship together.
With every blessing,
Pam

Sunday Worship:

9.30am St Andrew's

9.30am St Peter's

11.30am St Paul's

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, 6th April

- 9.30am St Andrew's Sunday Worship
9.30am St Peter's Sunday Worship
11.30am St Paul's Sunday Worship
5.00pm Lent Bible Study

Monday, 7th April

No Stay and Play until 28th April

Tuesday, 8th April

- 7.00pm Worship Leaders Fellowship
Meeting in St Andrew's Parish Room

Wednesday, 9th April

- 9.00am Stay and Play at St Andrew's
10.45am Morning Service at St Andrew's

Thursday, 10th April

- 11.00am Worship at the Hub
12.00pm Community Café and Drop In
at St Paul's
7.30pm Lent Bible Study at St Andrew's
Parish Room

Saturday, 12th April

- 10.00am Community Café at St Paul's
10.00am Cleaning and Maintenance at St
Peter's
10.00am Second Saturday Cleaning and
Grounds maintenance at St Paul's

Sunday, 13th April – Palm Sunday

- 9.30am Worship at St Andrew's
9.30am Worship at St Peter's
11.30am Worship at St Paul's
5.00pm Lent Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

- 5th March Ash Wednesday
30th March Mothering Sunday
13th April Palm Sunday
16th April Tenebrae Service
7.30pm St Andrew's
17th April Maundy Thursday
7.30pm St Peter's
18th April Good Friday
10.00am St Paul's
20th April Easter Sunday

PCC & APCM MEETINGS

- 5th April 10.30am St Peter's
in Church
13th April 1.00pm St Paul's
4th May 10.45am St Peter's APCM
7th May 7.00pm St Andrew's
APCM
11th May 12.45pm St Paul's APCM

DEANERY MEETINGS

- TBC May 7.30pm Deanery Chapter
3rd June 7.30pm Deanery Synod

WORSHIP LEADERS MEETING

- 8th April 7.00pm St Andrew's
Parish Room

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 21st March – Join the Great British
6th April Spring Clean
Saturdays 10.00am – 2pm*
General groundwork
at St Peter's
*Weather permitting

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to contact anyone in church, please use the following methods:

Phone 0161 264 9982 **Email** clergy@blackleycofe.church **Website** <https://blackleycofe.church>

If you would like to receive this notice sheet by email, please contact us on churchoffice@blackleycofe.church and we will add you to our mailing list.

NOTABLE CHRISTIANS and CHRISTIAN EVENTS THIS WEEK

9th April 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in 1906 into an academic family. Ordained in the Lutheran Church, his theology was influenced by Karl Barth and he became a lecturer: in Spain, the USA and, in 1931, back in Berlin. Opposed to the philosophy of Nazism, he was one of the leaders of the Confessing Church, a movement which broke away from the Nazi-dominated Lutherans in 1934. Banned from teaching, and harassed by Hitler's regime, he bravely returned to Germany at the outbreak of war in 1939, despite being on a lecture tour in the United States at the time. His defiant opposition to the Nazis led to his arrest in 1943. His experiences led him to propose a more radical theology in his later works, which have been influential among post-war theologians. He was executed by the Nazi police in Flossenburg concentration camp on this day in 1945.



10th April 1347, William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith

Born at Ockham in Surrey in about the year 1285, William entered the Franciscan Order and, as a friar, studied and then taught at Oxford. His writings were ever the subject of close scrutiny, this being a time when heresy was suspected everywhere, it seemed, but he never received any formal condemnation. Later in life, he entered the controversy between the rival popes and had to flee for his life. His much-used principle of economy – often referred to as ‘Occam’s Razor’ – stated that only individual things exist and that they are directly understood by the thinking mind and that this intuitive knowledge is caused naturally. His doctrine of God led him to destroy the thirteenth-century concept of the relationship between theology and philosophy and took the study of the philosophy of religion onto a new level. He died on this day in the year 1347.



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV)

As a church family, we are called to walk together in faith, reflect on the past year, and prayerfully seek God's guidance for the future. The APCM is more than just a meeting—it's an opportunity to celebrate our shared journey, engage in meaningful discussions, and be a part of shaping the ministry and mission of our church.

Your voice matters, and your presence makes a difference. Come and be encouraged as we give thanks, share updates, and look ahead with hope and purpose. Let's build together, grow together, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship in Christ.

We look forward to seeing you there!

St Paul's – Sunday 4th May 12.30pm (after the service)

St Andrew's – Wednesday 7th May 7.00pm in Church

St Peter's – Sunday 11th May 10.30am (after the service)

Between now and then, you will see nomination sheets for various roles in church such as Church Warden, PCC members etc. Please do consider carefully and prayerfully who God is calling to serve your church in these ways. If you feel he is calling you and want to know more, please speak to Pam directly, or drop her a message and she will be delighted to talk things through with you. As ever, you can find her on 07834 424568 or pam@blackleycofe.church.

