

**Churches Together in Kingswood**  
*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

# **Spring 2024**

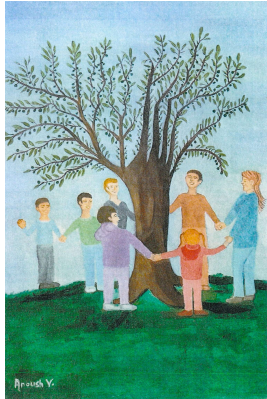
## **Events and Services**



*Church Warden David Hatton adding the robe and crown of thorns to the Cross on Good Friday.*

*Please note that all the events are subject to change.  
For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or*  
[kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)  
[stmaryskingswood.org.uk](http://stmaryskingswood.org.uk)





# World Day of Prayer 2024

7pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - St Mary's Church

*I beg you, bear with one another in love.*

*The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began and is rooted.*

*A women led, global, ecumenical movement*

## THE FOUR FREEDOMS

Our lent talks are based on four lectures given as part of the BBC Reith Lectures in 2022. Each looked at one of the four fundamental freedoms that people "everywhere in the world" should enjoy as outlined by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941.

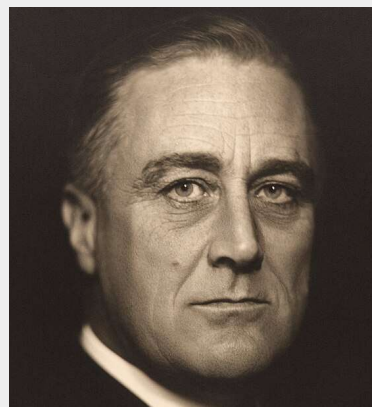
**FREEDOM OF SPEECH** - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

**FREEDOM OF WORSHIP** - Rowan Williams

**FREEDOM OF WANT** - Darren McGarvey

**FREEDOM FROM FEAR** - Fiona Hall

Meeting week day evenings in house groups to listen to and discuss each lecture. More details in the porch of the Congregational Church and in St Mary's.



## Lent Lunches in St Mary's Room

Friday 8th and Tuesday 19th March 12:00-14:00

A choice of 2 home made soups, with good bread, cheese and fruit. Supporting good causes at home and abroad.



## Mothering Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>

A special day for children to say thank you to their Mum.

Join us at either of our special services.

10:30 Family Service – Congregational Church

11:00 Family Service - St Mary's Church (*A Journey Service*)



**Messy Church** 10am - 16<sup>th</sup> March & 18<sup>th</sup> May

*For families with pre and primary school aged children.*

*Join us in the Lower School Room for a morning of stories, crafts, games and song. Includes lunch.*

## Congregational Church Annual General Meeting

8pm in the Chapel Wednesday 20 March 2024

# Experience Easter

## **Easter Treasure Hunt** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March -

Get the Easter holiday off to a fun start with our Treasure Hunt. There is **Free Entry** for adults and children followed by **Free Refreshments and Prizes** for the winners. Starts from the **Chapel** between 11:00 – 13:00.

## **JESUS SAVES – at the Halifax**

Now we all know that everyone laughs at Christians who say Jesus came to save but what would we be saved from? By the way, one of the ten commandments says “No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter; God won’t put up with the irreverent use of his name.” So best not use the name Jesus when cursing (try any other name – you’ll soon see how silly it sounds!).



**Bob Hart-England**

In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century there was a man of God called Smith Wigglesworth who had such an effect on people by his presence that people would call to him saying “What must I do to be saved”. The Bible tells us what will happen at the end of the world as we know it. Jesus said “When reports come in of wars and rumoured wars, keep your head and don’t panic. This is routine history; this is no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Famines and earthquakes will occur in various places. This is nothing compared to what is coming.” And this is our Spring message, where new life springs up from the ground, that Jesus came to save those who believe in Him from the evil terror of the end. In Jesus is a promise of eternity in Paradise with no sickness, disease or wars. A never-ending fellowship between God and His creation - men, women and children. Throughout history the Bible has been right. Will you laugh at Jesus along with your mates or will Spring this year mean new life for you when you believe in Jesus?

## **Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10:30 Chipping**

Eggs are added to the Easter Tree on the Chipping, Palm Crosses handed out as we hear the story of Palm Sunday. Then we journey down the High Street and into the Congregational Church, to hear about what happened next.

**After the service join us for lunch (jacket potatoes with various fillings) in the Lower School Room.**

## **Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10:30 Communion - Congregational Church** *then*

**11:15 Stations of the Cross around the village**

*followed by coffee & hot cross buns with the Keepers-in-Kingswood*

## **EASTER DAY 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**10:30 Congregational Church – Family Service**

**11:00 St Mary's Church – Family Eucharist (A Journey Service)**





# Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup> May

*Natural Disasters, Climate Change and War have displaced over 100 million people across the world. Millions are struggling to find shelter, food and water.*

Please support our fund raiser – with Teas, Craft Stall, Books, Cakes  
St Mary's Room - 11<sup>th</sup> May 2-5pm  
and a special Messy Church on 18<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 Lower School Room



## St Mary's Annual Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> May 7:30 St Mary's Room Drinks and Nibbles from 7pm

### The Life of the Church

Reviewing

Celebrating

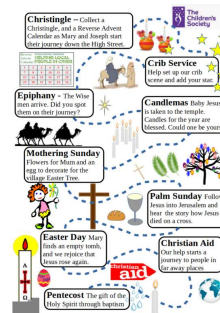
The Future

Elections

*In preparation for the appointment of a new priest St Mary's has prepared a Parish Plan that strives to involve more people in the life of the Church. Join us this evening to hear about our plan and how you may be able to contribute to it.*

## Pentecost 19<sup>th</sup> May 11:00 St Mary's

Pentecost marks the end of our Journey Services that started with Hot Chocolate and a Christingle in December, and provides an opportunity for anyone young or old who wishes, to be baptised. For more information and a chat come to any of our Journey Services.



**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**11:00 St Mary's**

**10:30 Congregational**

**Wednesday Coffee Morning** 10:00-11:00 Lower School Room

**Sunday School** 10.30 – 11.30 Lower School Room. *Parents can drop their children off and then join the Church service or collect them later.*

**Lighthouse Youth Group** *For 10-15 year olds* Lower School Room.

*Thursday(term time only) 6:30-8pm: pool, table tennis, badminton and other activities then chill out 8-8:30pm.*



**Drop-In Cafe** Lower School Room  
*Open Tuesdays 2pm-5pm and Fridays 10am-1pm.*  
**Community Pantry and Information Point**  
*St Mary's Church Open daily 10am-4pm*

*Interested in volunteering? For more information pop in to see us, scan the QR Code or email [keepersinkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:keepersinkingswood@gmail.com)*

