

Spring 2025 Churches Together in Kingswood

World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March
7pm Congregational Church

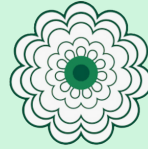
"I made you wonderful", produced by the churches of the Cook Islands

Remembering Srebrenica

Saturday 8th March
7pm St Mary's

To remind us where hatred, prejudice and racism can ultimately lead. 30 years after the siege of Sarajevo and the genocide at Srebrenica Sheila Osmanovic comes to share her story with us.

Refreshments from 6.30pm



Christian Aid Fund Raiser

Sat 17th May
14:00 - 16:00

Tea/Stalls in St Mary's with the Abbey Gatehouse also open



Lent Course - Beyond Consumerism

This year we are looking at food issues asking questions like:
How can Christians make their diet sustainable and ethical?
What do we learn from Jesus' teaching about food?
How does our grocery basket help or harm God's creation?



There is a range of daytime and evening venues available. If you would like to take part please see the details in either church and indicate your preference.

Lent Lunches

Thursday 27th March
Wednesday 9th April
12:00 - 14:00

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



Saturday 15th March
10:00
Lower School Room

A morning of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children with crafts, stories and song.

Important Services

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March
10:30 Congregational Church
4pm St Mary's

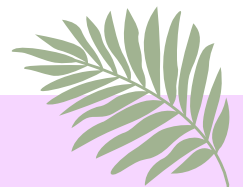
Family Services with Flowers, refreshments and an egg to decorate for the Village Easter Tree.



Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April 10:30

Telling the story of Holy Week. Starting with decorating the Easter Tree on the Chipping, continuing in St Mary's, the Memorial Garden and ending with lunch in Lower School Room.
All Welcome



Good Friday

Friday 18th April 10:30

Communion in the Congregational Church followed by Stations of the Cross



Easter Day

Sunday 20th April
10:30 Congregational Church
11:00 St Mary's



THAT'S LIFE

I was just relaxing at the end of the day listening to music – Alexa is very good at playing the music I ask for and Mary Hopkin was singing ‘Those were the Days.’ A song about the reminiscence of youth and romantic idealism. I was immediately transported back to when I was 19 years old, sitting in the sunshine gazing over Montevideo from a Royal Navy frigate. No cares, no worries. A carefree existence of a teenager enjoying life. ‘For we were young and sure to have our way’ the song goes! How I wish everyone could experience the nostalgic drifting brought on by music describing exactly how we felt in the sixties.

Life for everyone has its upsides and downsides. That is, as the saying goes, life! As we approach Easter the meaning of life, and death, in Jesus comes to the fore - probably, for most, as a sideline to chocolate. Think about it though. An Easter egg, where the egg symbolises new life. In the bible, John chapter 10, Jesus says ‘I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.’

Mary Hopkin sang ‘We live a life we choose; we’ll fight and never lose.’ Sometimes, these days, life seems to overcome us. Make us losers.

Let Jesus, who lives, give you life this Easter. It would mean beginning to have life in all its fulness because of His presence with you. A better life than you could ever have dreamed of.



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EASTER Colouring 1 = Yellow 2 = Orange 3 = Green 4 = Black/Grey 5 = Brown 6 = Blue

