



2021 UPDATE #7

WORD ALIVE (6th-9th April and beyond) — “PLUG INTO THE WORD”

We are delighted to bring you news about plans for Word Alive this year. While it won't be possible to recreate online the full experience of Word Alive, they are providing resources that connect you to God's word and give something of the flavour of the event. In particular we can offer some of the teaching, training and children's work that many so value about Word Alive. Many of us will have limited capacity due to work and family commitments or simply through fatigue with online interaction, so the organisers have decided to offer a simplified programme during the week, and then to make more material available in the following weeks.

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6th–9th April: Something for everyone

During the week that would have been Word Alive, sessions will be streamed throughout the day for you to watch live or catch up with later. Further details of timings will be announced soon, but each day will include:

- A main session in the evening for students and adults. We're thrilled to have David Cook teaching us from Proverbs and Olly Knight providing music. This will be a cross between a Bible Reading and an evening celebration!
- 'Families together' style programme for children up to the end of primary school.
- Youth programme for secondary school ages.
- International student programme.
- Count Everyone In programme.

April & May: Teaching tracks

There will be three tracks in the weeks following the Word Alive week itself, looking in detail at a particular topic or issue. One pre-recorded session per track will be released each week for four weeks, culminating in a fifth session of live Q&A with the speaker. We're delighted to have three outstanding speakers:

- Steve Midgley on fear
- Rebecca McLaughlin on talking to friends about Jesus
- Garry Williams on how we should think about the Bible

Do look out for more details in future weeks about how we might best join in with all this as a church this spring!

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Annual Church Meetings (ie. the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be on Tuesday 27th April, at 7:30pm. We expect that the meetings will be via Zoom, unless by then it is viable to hold them in church. **Electoral Roll forms** are available on request from the Church Office. **Nomination forms**, ahead of the elections for Churchwardens and to the PCC, are available either on request from the Church Office, or for download from the [church website](#).

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Do you have a spare laptop or tablet that you can lend someone? Do you wish you could join in with the Lent Online via Zoom and other online meetings but do not have a device? Please get in touch with Bernice in the office.
- *Sheila Lloyd writes:* You are invited to take part in a *Quiet Morning at Home* on the theme **"Still it is Winter"**. Tuesday 23rd February at 10:00am-12noon with optional "Lunchtime in Quiet". It takes the theme of the pandemic going on endlessly like a long winter, and looks at the experience of the Hebrew People as they coped - or didn't cope! - with the life in the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt. For those interested in using the material at another time, they are welcome to set aside their own time. Please email Sheila on sheila.lloyd5@btinternet.com

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 21st February [the first Sunday of Lent]

- any time after 8:00am — **Morning Prayer Online** (available on [YouTube](#))
- 10:00am — **"Lent Online"** (via Zoom — Meeting ID: 872 2003 3830 // Passcode: 126113)
- 7:00pm — **"Rock Solid"** (for school years 10-13; via Zoom, details available from Lizzie Wallace)

Tuesday 23rd February

- 4:00pm — **"Ignite"** (for school years 7-9; via Zoom, details available from Lizzie Wallace)

Wednesday 24th February

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Thursday 25th February

- 7:45pm — **Christianity Explored** (via Zoom, details on request)

Friday 26th February

- 1:30pm — **"Spark"** (for school years 3-6; via Zoom, details available from Lizzie Wallace)
- 7:30pm — **"421 Online"** (for school years 7-13; via Zoom, details available from Lizzie Wallace)

Sunday 28th February [the second Sunday of Lent]

- any time after 8:00am — **Morning Prayer Online** (available on [YouTube](#))
- 10:00am — **"Lent Online"** (via Zoom — Meeting ID: 825 4964 3286 // Passcode: 033709)
- 7:00pm — **"Rock Solid"** (for school years 10-13; via Zoom, details available from Lizzie Wallace)

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