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St John's, Carhampton - Update

The church Architect is due to inspect the tower this week and for the time being St John's remains closed.

The following events will take place in **Carhampton Village Hall:**

Sunday 1st May 9.30am

Church Family Worship

Wednesday 4th May 2.30pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting with refreshments.

Saturday 7th May 10am to 12 noon

Coffee Morning

In Ecclesia at Selworthy

The renowned Somerset choir *In Ecclesia* will be singing Evensong this Sunday (24th April) at 3.30pm at All Saints', Selworthy. The music will include a setting of the Magnificat by Charles Villiers Stanford, and S. S. Wesley's anthem 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ'.

Choral Evensong on this occasion will have an especial poignancy as the Orthodox Christians of Ukraine celebrate Easter one week later than the Latin Church, so this will be their Easter Day. In the best tradition of English Evensongs, the service will be followed by Tea and Cake.

There will be a retiring collection to help the people of Ukraine.

Sunday 24th April (Second of Easter)

Readings & Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the
joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Acts 5. 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

***This Sunday there will be a
Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship) Service at
Timberscombe at 11am.***

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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