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# April 2024



# Minister—Revd Jimi Kaci

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## **Services in April**

7th April

**10.30 a.m.** Morning Worship – Led by Mr Michael Tebbatt (Change to plan)

**Duty Stewards:** Kerry Sharpe & Ian Lay **Welcome Steward:** Zoe Tur-Ribas

14th April

**10.30 a.m.** Morning Worship – Led by Revd Jimi Kaci S

Worship Leader - Mrs Ann Lay

**6.00 p.m.** Taize Prayer with songs & silence

**Duty Stewards:** Ian Lay & Hazel Brewer

Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay

**6.00 p.m.** Circuit Zoom Service - Revd Helen Bell

21st<sup>th</sup> April CTiM United Service

**10.30 a.m.** Worship at Markfield Congregational Community Church

**6.00 p.m.** Circuit Zoom Service - Revd Jimi Kaci

28th April

**10.30 a.m.** Morning Worship – Led by Mrs Margaret Day

**Duty Stewards:** Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

**6.00 p.m.** Circuit Zoom Service - Mr Justin Moulder

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Margaret	Malcolm & Betty	
	Silverwood	Keates	
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Rebecca Goldring	Philip Gostelow	Linda & William Walmsley, Iris Bown
21 <sup>st</sup> April	No Service		
28 <sup>th</sup> April	David Woodward	Zoe Tur-Ribas	Jenny Marsay & Sue Larkins

ITEMS FOR THE MAY NOTICES SHOULD REACH LINDA & WILLIAM WALMSLEY BY

21<sup>st</sup> APRIL

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### **MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER**

**Bula to you all**. A lot of us usually associate April with Easter season, but for this year Easter falls in March. The clocks go one hour forward and we continue to journey on in 2024. We have had Lent courses, prayer meetings and a time of reflection during Easter and I am sure we are now feeling stronger and prepared for what the rest of the year will bring.

I have received news from Fiji of the large amount of rain that is causing a lot of flooding all over the Fiji islands. Roads are inaccessible, schools are closed and there are so many activities brought to a halt. This is one of the effects of Global Warming that is felt by the small Pacific islands. We should attempt to do our part in slowing down Global Warming, otherwise the small islands will be submerged in the future.

There are wars going on and innocent people suffer because of it. The number of people sleeping in the streets has increased, prices of things around us are rising and many people struggle to find ends meet. How do we cope with this? As Christians where is our combined voice in letting people take heed of the words of Jesus, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden".

When we work for God, we are free to serve others no matter how unreasonable or thankless they may be. Our reward is God himself saying to us, "Well done good and faithful servant". When we really work for God and know that it is he to whom we are responsible and from whom we get our reward, we are then free to be his people in any given situation.

Christ came to give us a sense of calling in every work. This is where the world is changed and where the kingdom is built.

Wishing you all the best in your journey.

Rev J Kaci.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Jimi Kaci, on 07909 280486, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07909 607099.

### **HOME FELLOWSHIP**

The Home Fellowship meetings for April are Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5.30 p.m. at the home of Hazel & Douglas Brewer. If you require more information or need a lift then please contact Ann or Ian Lay (242166)

### "COME FOR A CUPPA" Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Drop in & meet each other for a cuppa and a chat. There is no charge.

### **MUSIC CAFÉ**

2.00 – 4.00 on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Don't be on your own! Join us for a music-based afternoon of friendship and fun. This month we will meet on **Thursdays 11**<sup>th</sup> & **25**<sup>th</sup> **April.** Contact Linda (01530 242607) to find out more.

### PIANO RECITAL – FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.00 P.M.

The wonderful Hungarian pianist **Renata Konyicska** will be back to play for us. With chairs arranged as best possible to give people a view of her playing, our recitals have a wonderful intimate feel and an added dimension.

Tickets are £12 adults, £6 children. (This includes refreshments & programme) Please see Rosie Woodland for tickets. For more details about Renata, or to book online, please see the website www.markfieldmethodistchurch.org

### **FUNDRAISING THANK YOUS**

So far this year we have had two most enjoyable & very different fundraising events. The first in January was our annual **Quiz & Ploughman's Supper** which raised **£378**, & more recently we were treated to **Afternoon Tea at Three** - with entertainment - which raised **£420**. Many thanks to all who organised & helped on these occasions - & for your support in coming.

### THE BOILER FUND – an update

As a result of the Gift Day and further generous giving, the boiler fund stands at **£6,001** (Gift Aid has yet to be added) We are now in the process of obtaining estimates, making decisions, and looking forward to having a new boiler installed in the not too distant future.

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7.00 p.m. *"LE8FIVE BRASS QUINTET IN CONCERT"*More information next month.