

## Easter 2018

### Palm Sunday—The People’s Passion at St Mary’s Church

Sunday 25th March from 6.00 to 7.00pm

A journey through the Easter story together, living through both familiar and unfamiliar elements of the story, using scripture read in unison, some songs and 4 performers (Jesus, John, Mary and the Centurion):

Gain fresh understanding of the events surrounding the Passion of Christ!

A great event to invite friends and family along to.

### Evening Reflections for Holy Week at St Mary’s Church

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th from 7.00 to 7.45pm

Short services of meditative prayer led by leaders of the various churches will be held in the Easter Hope exhibition space.

### Walk of Witness from the King’s Head to the Market Place

Friday 30th March from 10.00am

The walk of witness will include songs from Taizé and there will be a short act of worship in the market place.

### Easter Hope art exhibition throughout Holy Week at St Mary’s

Works depicting the theme Easter Hope may include drawings, paintings, photographs, sculptures, installations, poems, calligraphy, textiles, short stories and music.

They will be on display at St Mary’s from Palm Sunday after the People’s Passion

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Pentecost

Monday 14th to Sunday 20th May. Each evening there will be a short prayer meeting at one of the churches (apart from Saturday, which will be a day for personal reflection) and the final service will be held on the evening of Pentecost Sunday at St Mary’s. More details to follow.

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It has been said that:

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Whether attributed to somebody significant or not, I believe that these words are a poignant reminder that to all intents and purposes, we are Jesus’ hands and feet, in our communities today. It makes my heart beat a little faster when I remind myself of this.

In the busyness of our daily lives, let’s make space to listen for His voice, to respond to His prompting, so that we can be His hands and feet . . . His message in our street . . . Lord, let Your Kingdom Come.

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**We are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us**

**Eph 2 v 10**

## Melton and District Money Advice Centre

### MADMAC is now a "Friend" Need help with debt or money problems?

Our aim is to provide a free, confidential and impartial advice service for the people of Melton Mowbray and District concerning money and debt problems: to bring the relief of debt to individual's health and personal life.

To provide a personalised package of care until financial freedom and capability is gained: encouraging the reduction and the reoccurrence of future debt problems.

We Will Aim To Provide:

- Debt management plans
- Insolvency solutions
- Budgeting advice
- Relevant social groups and activities
- Relevant focus groups for changing local and national policy

No matter what your problem is, whether big or small, don't hesitate to contact us for a free non-judgemental and friendly support service.

There is always an option forward for everyone!

We would love to join you on your journey to become debt free and find financial freedom.

Melton and District Money Advice Centre is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority - 728612

### How Can We Help?

#### Practical support

If you feel you could help us in any way please do email: [amanda.madmac@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.madmac@gmail.com), we would love to hear from you.



There are a huge number of skills we need to grow our centre and you could be a vital part of this support.

There are opportunities to train as a volunteer and join our growing team.

- Train to be a debt advisor, working face to face with clients, ongoing training provided
- Administration tasks, various, including basic filing of which there is loads
- Fundraising bids, helping raise money to cover running costs, writing supportive letters to large bids
- I.T. Tasks, various, producing documents in word and excel
- Social Media coverage, running Facebook accounts
- Marketing and promotion with other service providers and supporters
- Development work such as producing ongoing spreadsheets and evaluations

In addition, if you would like to make a 1 off or regular donations to our work we would love to hear from you.

## HOPE FOR JUSTICE



The local Hope for Justice Abolition Group is a "Friend" of Churches Together and meets from 7.30-9.00pm, one Tuesday a month to pray, get involved with awareness raising, and fundraising activities. Call Rachel Gray on 0777 997 8810 for more information.

Come and support us in Morrisons in Melton on 16th June from 10-4 when we will be bag packing to raise funds and awareness of the charity. Let Rachel know on the above number if you can spare an hour to help! We have some other exciting initiatives coming up in the next few months including ways to get involved if you only have 10 minutes a month so watch this space.

Please pray for the new merger with Retrak and the strength and effectiveness of this partnership to bear fruit to benefit children in danger on the streets. For more info see: [www.hopeforjustice.org/retrak](http://www.hopeforjustice.org/retrak). Pray too for our local group to make helpful and strong contacts with key local people and organisations to raise awareness about issues surrounding modern day slavery.

Take a look at: [www.hopeforjustice.org/spot-the-signs/](http://www.hopeforjustice.org/spot-the-signs/) for more information on how to spot the signs of modern day slavery in our local community.

Human trafficking is happening all around us!

## storehouse at The Fox

Storehouse is a compassion charity based at the Fox on Leicester Street and offers food, clothing, bedding, baby equipment and other household items to vulnerable people living in the borough of Melton who have been referred by a local agency. Referrals are for a variety of reasons, from needing help to bridge the financial gap between losing work and benefits being paid, low income, homelessness, ill health, to people fleeing domestic violence who have had to start a new life with their children in a new area. It also provides people with a safe place where they can meet with friends, share problems and be signposted to appropriate services.

You can drop food donations at the donation boxes at Sainsburys and Morrisons or can drop any donations directly to the Fox on Leicester St. If you would prefer us to shop for you, you can give us a one off or monthly donation through clicking on 'How can I help' tab on our website at [www.storehousemelton.org.uk](http://www.storehousemelton.org.uk)

We would appreciate your prayers for continued support from local people, for blessing on the volunteers as they give their time to some of the most vulnerable people in our town and for people who visit the Fox, that they will find hope as they are given the help that they need.

We currently need a person who could help us with transporting food bags from our storage unit to the Fox on a Monday morning. If you could help please call us on 01664 669146.