**Services for next week:**

**Hampton-in-Arden**

**Thursday 8th**

10am Communion

**Sunday 11th**

8.15am B.C.P.

11am Eucharist welcoming Bishop Michael

6.30pm Compline

**Bickenhill**

**Sunday 11th**

11am Eucharist

**Barston**

**Sunday 11th**

9.45am Prayer Time

10.30am Morning Prayer with Alan Black preaching.

**Readings for next week**: Acts 9. 36-43, John 10. 22-30

**We pray for:** Bob Middleton, Judy Middleton, David Mort, Mike Beasley, Ann Hall, Tony Worthington, Rene Sumner, Derrick Hill, Angela Jones, Mona Cardall, Dot Barton, Richard Herne, Barrie and Mavis Thompson, David Vickers, Sue Restall and Ronnie Boswell.Rick Smallwood, Paul Pilkington-Birch, Val Sharp, David Scannell, Colin McDonald and Gordon O’Conner.

We also pray for the families of those who have died; Celia Heron, Richard Bibbings, Karoline Dearden, David Howells, Ivan Eley, June Hand, John Vaughn, Elizabeth Pakeman, Andrew Sumner, Roger Grain, George Colin Macnair and Irene Sutton. If you would like people to be prayed for do let us know at [office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk))



**Hampton. Barston. Bickenhill.**

**Three Churches Together.**

**Sharing God’s Love, Growing Faith and Worshipping Together.**

**4th May 2025- 3rd Easter**

Acts 9. 1-6 [7-20], John 21. 1-19

**Thought for the week**.

Remember Gavin and Stacey? The mystery of Bryn and Jason’s fishing trip. Shrouded in

secrecy and embarrassment.

I wonder how embarrassed the disciples were on their fishing trip. Some random bloke on the shore tells them to move their nets from left to right. These were seasoned fishermen taking advice from a stranger.

Immediately their night’s fishing catch turned from zero to a massive haul. Humiliating or what?

But, of course, this was no random bloke. The disciples realised that. No random bloke blew their minds the way this one did. This was Jesus. The risen Lord. The bloke who fed 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes now mustering up a beach barbeque.

Mysterious and marvellous.

Enjoy the resurrection sunshine everyone.

**MC**

**Collect**

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

**Hampton**

* A reminder that Bishop Michael will be visiting for our 11am service next week on 11th May. JAM children’s group will be running that morning, too. **We are asking for people to bring cakes in to share with coffee together after the service. Many thanks.**
* Our **Ascension Day service** will be held at St. Peter’s Church (large car park) in Balsall Common at **8pm** on 29th May. **\*Please note change of time\***
* Funeral of Colin McNair Wednesday 7th May in church at 12 noon.
* The church bells will be rung at 6.30pm on Thursday 8th May for VE day.
* **Tea and Toast** toddler group will be meeting on Friday 9th May at 9am. Open to all pre-schoolers and babies and their adult. No charge but donations are always welcome.
* The next **Ladies’ Breakfast** will be on September 17th at 9am in the church hall.

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**Barston**

* Tuesday 6th May **Hobby House** at 10am and **Tea Club** at 2pm in St. Swithin’s House. All welcome.
* Thursday 8th May **Prayer Time** at 9am for the future of St. Swithin’s House in the house.
* May 10th. **Big Breakfast.** From 8.30am at a cost of £10 for adults and children half price. Hope to see you there.
* **Eastcote Park** on Wednesday 7th May. Our communion service begins at 11am.
* Future date for the diary is **our APCM which will be held on May 25th** after the morning service at around 12.30pm. This needs prayer too. We elect churchwardens and PCC. Please endeavour to come to this very important meeting in the life of our church.

