



St Peter & St Paul's Church, Cranfield

## CHURCH DIARY

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### Article IV: Of the Resurrection of Christ

We continue our monthly series exploring the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England. This month we consider Article IV, which reads: "Christ did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; wherewith he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge all Men at the last day."

It seems appropriate to be considering this article following Easter. The resurrection of Jesus Christ has always been rightly seen as the high point of the gospel message. Athanasius of Alexandria in the fourth century wrote: "The supreme object of his coming was to bring about the resurrection of the body." Athanasius argues in his excellent work *On The Incarnation* that God's whole plan of salvation was heading towards Christ's resurrection. We could consider the story of the gospel as part of a movement towards this final goal: Jesus became incarnate *so that* he could die, and he died *so that* he could rise again. This is essential to our faith and our salvation for it is in Christ's resurrection that we too rise! Jesus' resurrection is spoken of as the 'first fruits', and all those who put their trust in Jesus will one day rise with him.

Article IV emphasises that Jesus' resurrection was not a metaphor and a spiritual truth alone. He really did physically rise from the dead: his "body, flesh, and bones", we read, were taken up from death again.

In Creation God demonstrated his love and care for a physical world, and in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ he further demonstrates that. The Christian hope of heaven is not for an 'airy fairy' 'pie in the sky when you die' future, but for a real, tangible, physical reality.

*For those who would like to explore the Thirty-nine Articles in more detail, an excellent book would be: The Faith We Confess: An Exposition of the Thirty-nine Articles by Gerald Bray.*

# MAY 2022

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting - APCM)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 4th	7:30pm	Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 5th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 6th	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Walk House Close Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson ( <i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 7th	1:00pm 6:30pm	Wedding: Liam and Katie Bedford Road Home Group	Cranfield Church 95 Bedford Road
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion)	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 10th	10:30am	Faith in Later Life (FiLL): Hymns of Praise Coffee Morning	Cranfield Church
Wednesday 11th	10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm	-- No Wednesday Service – Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (DEF) Annual Conference Music Group Practice	St. Nicholas' Stevenage Cranfield Church
Thursday 12th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 13th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 14th	12:30pm 6:30pm	Wedding: Ben and Lauren Bedford Road Home Group	Cranfield Church 95 Bedford Road
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Baptism)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Monday 16th	7:30pm	Cranfield PCC Meeting	TBC
Tuesday 17th	7:30pm	Hulcote with Salford PCC Meeting	TBC
Wednesday 18th	7:00pm 7:30pm	Endure – Youth Bible Study Music Group Practice	The Rectory Cranfield Church
Thursday 19th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice Deanery Synod Meeting	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church St. Peter de Merton Church, Bedford
Friday 20th	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Walk House Close Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson ( <i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 21st	10am 6:30pm	Pew Top Sale Bedford Road Home Group	Cranfield Church 95 Bedford Road
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion)	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 25th	10:00am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Service Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 26th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 27th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 28th	6:30pm	Bedford Road Home Group	95 Bedford Road
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	10:30am	Morning Service	Cranfield Church