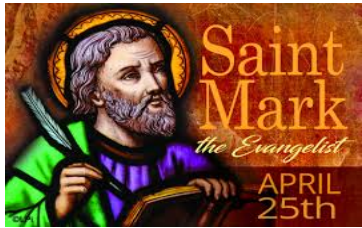




19th April 2026.
 We extend a warm welcome to
 Rev Simon Topping, and to all
 our members, friends and visitors



For meditation: *Grant us, O Lord, purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no passion may hinder us from knowing your will and no weakness from doing it. In your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom.*
St Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430)

NEWS AND VIEW

This week brings 2 Saint’s Days – on the 23rd it is St George’s Day and on the 25th, the Feast Day of St Mark. *In the 9th year of Claudius Caesar, Mark the Evangelist was in the city of Alexandria, inviting people to believe in Christ. As he walked about the streets the strap of his sandal broke, and he took it for repair to a cobbler called Hanania, who pierced his finger with his needle as he held it to run it into the sandal. The blood flowed copiously, and in severe pain he began to curse under his breath in front of Mark, who said to him : “If you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son Of God, your finger will be healed.” He took hold of it and said: “In the name of Jesus Christ let this finger be healed.” Immediately the flow of blood stopped and the finger was healed. From that moment Hanania believed. He was the first of the patriarchs who presided over the church in Alexandria. (An account by Eutychius of Alexandria of the foundation of his church)*

NEW LETTING! If you feel the effects of too much idleness, why not join Hannah in the Church on Wednesday at 1.30pm for a time of gentle exercise. The plan is for these sessions to be held fortnightly. Cost £5 per session.

FOR PRAYER

O Lord, who walks with us along life’s way, we come before you today, joyful to be in your presence. Draw near to us as we draw near to you, we pray, and may we step forward together on this journey of worship and praise. Amen. Lord of the journey, we praise you that in you we find our destination. Lord of hospitality, we praise you for welcoming us and feeding our souls. Breaker of bread, your body broken for us, we worship and adore your holy name.
We are praying this week for the congregation at Paulton and for their minister Rev Christine.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 26th April

- Acts 2: 42 -47
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2: 19 -25
- John 10: 1 -10

DIARY

- Thursday 23rd April**
- Café 9.30 –12 noon
All welcome.
- Sunday 26th April**
- Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Julian Allbrow
- Family Friendly Worship 4.00pm
A short time of song, stories and creative activities for all ages

When winter is around us, we cannot see the spring;
 But still we know,
 Despite the snow,
 That spring will come one day.

With night-time’s darkness round us, we cannot see the sun;
 But still we know,
 As shadows go,
 That dawn will break next day.

When seeds are sown in spring-time, we cannot see the flowers;
 But still we know;
 Prepared below,
 A flower will greet the day.

Though God is all around us, we cannot see his face:
 But still we know;
 Our love says so!
 God lives in every day.

Donald Hilton

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from our forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 1 Peter 1: 17 -20

