April 2024



## **ENCOURAGER**

Sharing monthly stories of God at work among us.

## **EASTER AT ST MARY'S**



A very special time was had, starting with the evening events during Holy Week through to the Good Friday services and outreach to many on the High Road and then Easter Sunday that brought so much joy of the ressurrection, beautiful flowers, testimonies & easter eggs.



ignite Youth with Michael Smith. Michael is stepping down from ignite, having served in many ways for over 19 years, so faithfully. Thank you so much Michael, you've been amazing! If you're interested in serving in ignite michelle@stmarysloughton.com



Living Hope team enjoyed a thank you lunch this week. Great fun was had and stories shared! Here's a few of the wonderful team! If you'd like to serve in any Living Hope ministries, please contact caroline@stmarysloughton.com

Annual Church Meeting



The Annual Meeting took place on 16 April. Our Churchwardens, Michael Smith and Louise Kuilenburg were elected along with 4 new members who joined the rest of the of the PCC, Chris Elwes, Joy Washington, Phil Woolston and Richard Payne. All those who serve in many ways were thanked for what they do and it was an opportunity to also thank the clergy for their leadership. Desserts and a time to socialise took place before the meeting, which started it off well! Look forward to seeing you there next year!

## **Susan Brown Mission Trip**

It was a joy to be in Armenia this month where we saw many healed and restored particularly from the effects and fear of war. With a team of 14 we interceded for the nation for three days. Then led a conference for pastors who came from a group that together pray daily for an hour for their nation. We ended the trip by ministering in 5 churches. Many refugees who were in church for the first time came forward for salvation. Others who had lost everything including sons from recent conflicts were healed both physically and their spirits restored. The hunger for God was so apparent in the numbers that came forward for ministry and prayer as they poured out their hearts for God to move in their nation.





Kecharis monastery dating back to the 11th to 13th centuries.