

Sunday 31st March 2024
Easter Day

5.45 a.m. Sunrise Service
10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church

Collect for Today

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 10:34-43 (*p.126*), 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (*p.172*) and Mark 16:1-8 (*p.52*)

Please pray for

... Kat Gillett

... the friends and family of Sheila Banks as they prepare for her funeral.

... the family and friends of Nita Morgan, Michael MacAlister, James Smallpeice and Charlotte Smallpeice whose anniversary of death is at this time

... those who live and work in East Meads, Ellis Avenue, Elmbank Avenue and Elmside.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Donations

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints

Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.



Dear Friends

I thought I might summarise the story of Easter in my note to you all today. It is a reminder of the last few weeks we have spent reflecting our relationship and walk in faith with God.

This holy time started with Shrove Tuesday. Exactly 47 days before Easter, we ate pancakes to mark the time when we may stop or start doing something as we focus on our walk with God. On Ash Wednesday we started Lent. You may have received the sign of the cross on your forehead as a mark of penitence and of trust in God. Lent lasts 40 days, recalling the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by the devil, before he started his ministry on earth.

Last Sunday, we celebrated Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem. Crowds waived palms and shouted Hosanna as a mark of praise. On Thursday, we remember the last supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, reflecting on what this means to us as Christians.

On Good Friday, we followed the stations of the cross, to remind us of Jesus trial and his selfless journey to the cross to save us all from our sins. You might have spent some time in Church on Friday quietly reflecting what this means during The Watch.

And so, to this Sunday morning, Easter Day. Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia. On this joyous day we give praise for Jesus' resurrection, as he foretold. We celebrate the new life we have been given, forgiveness for our sins and the promise of everlasting life.

Mark's reading is not all about easter eggs and bunnies, though. It's an abrupt ending to Mark's journal of Jesus life. But why would this be? How does it compare to the other gospels? What might we take from Mark's version? I hope to explore this with you this Sunday morning.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Andy

Mission Focus for March: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a local charity based at St Peter's Shared Church in Bellfields. It has been set up to help long term unemployed people aged 25+ move towards work using a wood workshop, to raise their confidence and develop transferable work skills. They would really value prayer:

- For those who have expressed an interest in attending but haven't actually managed to start due to various personal circumstances
- For participants who have been with ReSkilled for a while and are trying to make the next step into paid work or volunteering, to find the right connections and opportunities for them to move on.

Notices

Easter Egg Hunt: TODAY after the service – you will be given instructions! Our thanks to Linda Doran for faithfully organising this again this year.

Thank you to our wonderful flower team for the decorations that are in church this Easter. I think you'll agree that the church looks beautiful. Thanks also to Annie Cox for the Easter garden outside that is much admired by the local community. Thank you also to those who have donated for the lilies in remembrance of loved ones.

Sheila Banks: Sheila's funeral will be at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday 16th April at 12.45pm and the family would like everyone to wear colours, rather than black. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments after at The White Hart, Wood Street Village, GU3 3DZ.

Easter Monday Walk: TOMORROW! We'll leave church at 10am to walk to Puttenham via St Catherine's for a picnic lunch. We'll be at Watts Gallery at 11.30am if you'd like to join from there for a shorter walk. You can either walk back again, or arrange a lift home afterwards. Please sign up in the foyer and speak to Carolyn if you need to know more.

Morning Services this week: There will be no Morning Prayer or Thursday communion this week. Morning prayer will resume on Monday 8th April.

Cally Burch's licensing: Cally has now finished her curacy in Fleet and will soon be taking up a new position in Bridport, Dorset. Her licensing service is at 7pm on Thursday 11th April at St Mary's Church, 84 South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NN. Everyone is welcome and I'm sure Cally would be delighted to see her friends from All Saints to give support for her next step. If you are going, please RSVP by email to admin@parishofbridport.org

APCM Change of date We have had to postpone the APCM to *Sunday 21st April* at 11.15am. This is because the accountancy firm preparing the 2023 accounts have not yet finished their work. As a consequence, the electoral roll revision period has been extended to 6th April. Please see Richard Pointer if you wish to join the roll.

Diary for the Coming Week

Please note, there is no Morning Prayer or Thursday Communion this week.

Mon 1 st	Easter Monday Walk, 10am from church
Weds 3 rd	Men's Coffee, Reading Room, 10.30am Sharing & Learning Group, 2 Beechcroft Drive, 7.45pm
Sun 7 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Café-Style Altogether Worship, 10.00am Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 1 st	Ps. 111, Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Tues 2 nd	Ps. 112, Exodus 12:14-36, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Weds 3 rd	Ps. 113, Exodus 12:37-end, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Thurs 4 th	Ps. 114, Exodus 13:1-16, 1 Corinthians 15:29-34
Fri 5 th	Ps. 115, Exodus 13:17-14:14, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50
Sat 6 th	Ps. 116, Exodus 14:15-end, 1 Corinthians 15:51-end

Service Readings for Sunday 7th April: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2 and John 20:19-end

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