

Sunday 7th April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-Style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church
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Collect for Today

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 4:32-35 (*p.118*), 1 John 1:1-2:2 (*p.236*) and John 20:19-end (*p.112*)

Please pray for

- ... Frances Chilton and Kat Gillett
 - ... the friends and family of Sheila Banks as they prepare for her funeral.
 - ... the family and friends of Sandra Hyde, Heather Godfrey, Joan Bolton and Gladys Wilmott whose anniversary of death is at this time.
 - ... those who live and work in Farm Walk, Farnham Road and Friars Gate.
 - ... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.
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Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 hope you had a restful Easter.

The church calendar can seem like big rush towards Easter. We journeyed through Lent and its themes of preparation and wilderness. We walked and worshipped our way down Vicarage Gate on Palm Sunday. We traversed Holy Week, thinking about Jesus' last supper, arrest, trial, crucifixion then resurrection.

Phew! What then? Relax? Stop? I don't think so...

Today we'll be starting a new sermon series looking at different books of the Bible, and what better place to start than the Acts of the Apostles. Today we'll whizz through this mega book - the start of the church, huge growth, trials and troubles for the first disciples - from Pentecost to Peter to Paul.

Acts is actually a sequel, to Luke's gospel. If you get a chance, read the last few verses of Luke. Then read the first few verses of Acts. It flows straight on - with even a quick recap, like the 'Previously...' bit of a TV drama episode.

So that's how we'll experience Acts today. Your latest must-watch (or must-read) drama. And this drama not only names Christians and builds a church, but somehow, it's where we are now.

Be blessed and be welcome,

Paul Young

Mission Focus for April: A Rocha

A Rocha works together with other conservation organisations, to care for God's creation through research, conservation projects, environmental education and community outreach. Let us pray for A Rocha as they help to restore eco-diversity. Pray too for ourselves to play our part in caring for God's earth.

Notices

Thank you to Revd Canon Julian Hubbard who is presiding at our 8am service of Holy Communion.

Tea-time Church: "Who was Thomas and why was he the only one who missed the prayer meeting?" We'll see if we can find a helpful answer at the 4pm service today.

Parish Magazine: The April magazine is out now. If you're not a regular reader, why not pick up a copy from the foyer and have a read. We're always looking for new ideas for articles so if you'd like to write something, please mention it to Angela, Robin, Trish, Jo or Angie.

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.

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

Church Work Morning: Next Saturday, 13th March, we'll be gathering to do more jobs around the church, hall and grounds. With any luck it might be a bit drier and we can get some outside work done! Please come if you can, even for just an hour, anytime between 9.30am and 1pm. Coffee and cake at half-time!

Hard of Hearing Clinic and Group: Monday 15th April will be the next meeting for the Hearing Clinic at 2pm and the Hard of Hearing Group at 3pm in the church Reading Room. Trish is now taking the bookings for clinic appointments so please call 563173, Mon-Thurs mornings or leave a message and Trish will call back. At our tea and chat at 3pm we thought we would ask all comers to bring a favourite book or two and tell us about it/them!

APCM Change of date The APCM will be held on *Sunday 21st April* at 11.15am.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 8th Pastoral Team Study Morning, 5 Elmside, 10.00am
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Tues 9th Standing Committee Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 10th Architect Visit, Church, 10.00am
Wednesday Lunch Group, Kempshott, 12.30pm
- Thurs 11th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Revd Paul Fenner presiding
Revd Cally Burch's licensing service in Bridport, 7.00pm
Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 12th Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sat 13th Work Morning, Church/Hall, 9.30am to 1.00pm
- Sun 14th Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 8th Ps. 111, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Romans 5:12-end
- Tues 9th Ps. 8, Exodus 15:22-16:10, Colossians 1:15-end
- Weds 10th Ps. 30, Exodus 16:11-end, Colossians 2:1-15
- Thurs 11th Ps. 28, Exodus 17, Colossians 2:16-3:11
- Fri 12th Ps. 61, Exodus 18:1-12, Colossians 3:12-4:1
- Sat 13th Ps. 84, Exodus 18:13-end, Colossians 4:2-end

Service Readings for Sunday 14th April: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36b-48

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