

Sunday 14th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 3:12-19 (*p.117*), 1 John 3:1-7 (*p.237*) and Luke 24:36b-48 (*p.87*)

Please pray for

... Frances Cilton, Kat Gillett, Sylvia Holdsworth and Del May

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

... the family and friends of Winifred Twidell, Thora Reed, Edna Hobson, Vera Greenwood, George Reindorp, Sydney Ulrich and Alan Hall whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Hedgeway, Henley Bank, High View Road and Hollow Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

If you were in church last Sunday, you'll know that Paul Young took us on a whistle-stop tour of the Book of Acts. This book, you may know, is the sequel to Luke's Gospel, and records the birth of the church, and all that happened in those early years after Jesus' death and resurrection. It's an action-packed account, as the Holy Spirit is poured out on all believers, and the Gospel spreads like wild-fire.

One of the key events in the Book of Acts is the coming of Holy Spirit, who transforms Jesus' first disciples into powerful witnesses to his life and resurrection. Peter, who just days earlier denied ever knowing Jesus, finds the courage to preach the Gospel to crowds of people – including the Jewish rulers and elders. His words carried such conviction that the number of believers grew to five thousand, superseding the three thousand who became followers at Pentecost. And the disciples' words are backed-up by actions – as in the healing of a crippled man, in our Gospel reading for this morning (Acts 3:12-19).

During this Easter season, between Easter Day and Pentecost on the 19th May, we'll be reading through the Book of Acts in all of our services. We do this every year; and every year I'm challenged to pray again for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our church, and in our times. One of the most ancient prayers of the church is *Veni creator spiritus* – 'come Holy Spirit'. What would happen if each one of us prayed that prayer every day, during this Easter season? We might find ourselves caught up in the sort of adventure that those first disciples embarked upon, when the Spirit first came....

Wishing you every blessing for this season,

Beverly

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 everyone who came to help at yesterday's work morning. We've made a lot of progress!

Tea-time Church: Today we'll be hearing the account of the healing of a crippled man, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts. When and how have you experienced the work of the Holy Spirit? Come and share your thoughts and experiences. Beverly.

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.

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!

Marianne Hehn: At our 9.30am Thursday Communion service this week, we'll be remembering and giving thanks for the life of Marianne. All welcome.

APCM Next Sunday: The APCM will be held on *Sunday 21st April* at 11.15am. Please do come if you possibly can to this important meeting in the life of our church. As well as reviewing 2023, we'll be appointing new PCC members and electing our churchwardens.

Youth Group: The next meeting of our Youth Group is on Sunday 21st April. 5.30-7.30pm as usual for secondary school aged children. Please let Jeanette know if your youngster would like to come (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com)

Orchard Project: 27th April. Everyone is welcome to join us in the field between 10am and 12 noon to do some further work on the project.

Date for your diary: one or two things you might like to pop in your diary now:

- *Christian Aid Car Wash & Cale Sale:* Saturday 18th May 2-5pm, Onslow Village Hall car park,
- *Songs of Praise followed by Strawberry Teas & Produce Sale in the Vicarage Garden:* Sunday 23rd June, 4pm onwards
- *Godparents' Sunday:* 7th July
- *Pet Service:* Sunday 14th July, 4pm

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 15th Hearing Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm
 Hard of Hearing Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
 Tea-time Church Planning, Vicarage, 4.30pm
- Tues 16th Funeral of Sheila Banks, Guildford Crematorium, 12.45pm and
 afterwards at The White Hart, Woodstreet Village
 Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 17th Magazine Team Meeting, 43 Poltimore Road, 12.30pm
 Dray Court Service – ‘Doubting Thomas’, 2.30pm
 Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
- Thurs 18th Holy Communion including a memorial prayer for
 Marianne Hehn, Reading Room, 9.30am
- Fri 19th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
- Sat 20th Prayer Breakfast, 8.30am
- Sun 21st BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
 Morning Worship, 10.00am
 APCM, Church, 11.15am
 followed by a short meeting of the PCC in the Reading Room
 Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
 Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 15th Ps. 96, Exodus 19, Luke 1:1-25
- Tues 16th Ps. 98, Exodus 20:1-21, Luke 1:26-38
- Weds 17th Ps. 105, Exodus 24, Luke 1:39-56
- Thurs 18th Ps. 136, Exodus 25:1-22, Luke 1:57-end
- Fri 19th Ps. 107, Exodus 28:1-4a,29-38, Luke 2:1-20
- Sat 20th Ps. 110, Exodus 29:1-9, Luke 2:21-40

Service Readings for Sunday 21st April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-end and John 10:11-18

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