

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### **Easter Day**

5.30 a.m. Easter Vigil  
10.00 a.m. Church Family All-Age Communion  
*followed by an Easter Egg Hunt  
for the children*

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### **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**

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### **Service Readings**

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (*p.745*), Romans 6:3-11 (*p.152*) and Matthew 28:1-10 (*p.32*)

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### **Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Carole Bookham, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Jean Reed, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Michael McAlister, James Smallpeice, Charlotte Smallpeice, Sandra Hyde, Heather Godfrey and Joan Bolton whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Irwin Road, Iveagh Road, Litchfield Way and Lynwood.

... 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**

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.**

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### **Financial Giving**

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

Passing Salisbury Cathedral a couple of weekends ago, I stopped to admire their beautiful Easter Garden. An award-winning creation by the garden designer Andy McIndoe, the stone construction sits on the corner of the West front right by the visitors' entrance. It features a huge, round hewn stone across the entrance to a dolmen-like tomb, reminiscent of the many pre-historic barrows scattered across Salisbury plain.

We have our own stunning Easter garden here at All Saints, created by Annie Cox, and I have sometimes made my own home Easter garden, starting when I was a child; I remember admiring one when visiting my Nan and Grandad's church when I was little. The charm of an Easter garden lies in the pleasing ritual of keeping the stone tomb sealed from Good Friday until Easter morning, when the stone is ceremonially rolled away to reveal the 'surprise' of the empty tomb. 'He is not here! He is risen!'

This got me thinking of the symbolic meaning of the stone rolled away and the different metaphors contained within the stone itself. What does the resurrection of Christ 'roll away' for us?

God bless you this Easter - He is risen indeed!

Alleluia.

**Julie**

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### **Mission Focus for April: Friends International Guildford**

One of the Christian charities that All Saints supports in many ways is Friends International Guildford (FIG). FIG aims to support international students at the University of Surrey in building up friendships with other students, making local links with families and exploring life in the UK. FIG organise events, experiences and social meet ups (online and in-person) to help students from other countries learn about and take part in British culture to get the most out of their time in Guildford. The staff team Lilli and Phil are both Chaplains at the University of Surrey. [www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk](http://www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk).

## Notices

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**Easter Flowers:** Thank you so much to the flower team who have decorated the church so beautifully for Easter. Thanks also to those who donated towards lilies in memory of their loved ones.

**Tea Time Church:** Please note, there is no Tea Time church today.

**This week:** the office will be closed. There will be no Morning Prayer or communion on Thursday.

**Confirmation Classes:** We'll be offering a six-week Confirmation Course for young people and young adults, starting on Sunday 19th April, and running through to Sunday 24th May. The classes will take place in the Reading Room, from 2.30-3.30pm, and be led by Andy Wells and Beverly. We'll be studying a book called, 'Faith Confirmed' by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright. Please let Beverly or Andy know if you'd like to join the course. (Each person will be free to decide at the end of the course if they feel ready to be Confirmed).

**Building a Space for Everyone:** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm we're holding a Big Build event in church. We'll be inviting people from the local community to join us for a tour, drinks and nibbles, a presentation and a Q&A session. Everyone is welcome and do please tell friends and neighbours about it. We'll need to know numbers, so if you'd like to come please book online or email Trish. More information, and a link to ticketing, on the website:

[allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/the-big-build/community-event/](https://allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/the-big-build/community-event/).



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## Diary for the Coming Week

**No Morning prayer until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. No Thursday communion until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

Weds 8<sup>th</sup>      Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm  
Mission Vision Group, The Hopwood's, 5.30pm

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>      Prayer Breakfast, 6 Scillonian Road, 9.00am

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>      Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am  
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 111, Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 112, Exodus 12:14-36, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Weds 8<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 113, Exodus 12:37-end, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 114, Exodus 13:1-16, 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Fri 10<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 115, Exodus 13:17-14:14, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>      Ps. 116, Exodus 14:15-end, 1 Corinthians 15:51-end

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## Service Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-end

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