

Sunday 19th April 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship with Children's Church
- 2.30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church
- 5.30 p.m. Youth Group

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 2:14a (*p.115*), 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23 (*p.230*) and Luke 24:13-35 (*p.86*)

Please pray for

... Dave Barclay, Angus Bentall, Carole Bookham, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Jay Whittaker and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of 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 Old Court Road, Old Palace Road and Orchard Road.

... 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.**

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.

Dear Friends

The gospels all account for Mary Magdalene discovering the empty tomb and then each gospel writer adds their own account of Jesus appearing after his resurrection.

I wonder why the short 35 verse entry Luke made into his gospel about the road to Emmaus is so well known? Indeed, his account does not appear in any other gospel. It is set in the latter part of Easter Day. In that glorious resurrection morning, Mary and other women discovered the empty tomb, encountered the angel asking why they were looking for the living amongst the dead. Matthew then accounts how Jesus appeared to them as they were running to tell the disciples. They immediately knew him and fell to his feet in worship.

Later that day, Jesus then met two people on the road to Emmaus, as we read in Luke's account. I feel this is such a well-known verse because here, they did not recognise him. They walked with him explaining the loss they felt and the anguish they were in. It was not until they sat to eat with him and he broke bread and blessed it that they saw.

Each time we celebrate communion or receive a blessing we 'see' Jesus. It is our own very personal time with him. I have the privilege of serving in this very personal event and hold it in great respect and honour for those I serve wine or bread to.

I wonder how often we 'see' Jesus on other occasions in our week. Perhaps that's a thought for this coming week? When do you encounter him and how do you feel after that holy, personal meeting with him. Perhaps it's something you might share with others? - your life with Christ living within you.

Best wishes to all of you for the week ahead, my sisters and brothers, and for continued encounters with Christ.

Andy

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.

Notices

Thank you to all those who came and helped at yesterday's work morning. We really appreciate help in keeping things neat, tidy and safe.

Confirmation Classes – start today! We're offering a six-week Confirmation Course for young people and adults 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).

Orchard Volunteer Morning: Saturday 25 April, 10.30am -1.00pm: We're planning to work on renovating the garden chairs, this will involve sanding and varnishing. We'll also be doing weeding and watering of the raised beds and fruit trees and preparing the top bed for the Brownies to plant. We hope to trim too. The leeks are growing – do help yourself when they are ready! We'd love new volunteers join us – no experience needed – come any time between 10.30am and 1.00pm and stay as long as you can! Meet by the metal shed (bring suitable tools eg secateurs, small fork/trowel and gardening gloves).

Building a Space for Everyone: On Thursday 30th 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/.

Upcoming Mission Events:

- **May Day Bank Holiday Walk, 4th May:** We'll be walking from All Saints to Puttenham via Watts Gallery. We'll depart at 10.15am, meet at Watts Gallery at around 11.15am. (Those unable to walk can meet the walkers here at the café). We'll leave Watts Gallery at 12 noon to head to St John's Church in Puttenham for a picnic. We'll return by the same route. Let Bruce or Katherine know if you'd like a lift back. Sign up in the foyer.
- **Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale, 16th May:** Between 2pm and 4.30pm we'll be taking over the Onslow Village Hall car park for our annual car wash and cake sale to raise funds for Christian Aid. Volunteers needed for car washing and baking! Please speak to Katherine.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 20th Small Group Leader's Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm-3.00pm
- Weds 22nd Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
- Thurs 23rd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 24th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
- Sat 25th Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1pm
- Sun 26th Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
Confirmation Class, Reading Room, 2.30pm
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 20th Ps. 96, Exodus 19, Luke 1:1-25
- Tues 21st Ps. 98, Exodus 20:1-21, Luke 1:26-38
- Weds 22nd Ps. 105, Exodus 24, Luke 1:39-56
- Thurs 23rd Ps. 5, Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-20
- Fri 24th Ps. 107, Exodus 28:1-4a,29-38, Luke 2:1-20
- Sat 25th Ps. 37:23-end, Isaiah 62:6-10, Acts 12:25-13:13

Service Readings for Sunday 26th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-end, 1 Peter 2:19-end and John 10:1-10

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