
Sunday 25th April 2021
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mark the Evangelist



At this time of continued restrictions we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.

Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

This week the Church at the Church Centre will be open for private prayer on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 am & 12 noon.

10.00 am Service of the Word

Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps
Please see separate booklet

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Also on Zoom

Lead: The Vicar, Link: Wendy Anderson

Hymns: Peter and John
The Lord's my Shepherd

Reading: Acts 4.5-12



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Margaret Brown
in Loving Memory of her
dear husband
John Brown

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 26th April

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 27th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 28th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 29th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 30th

12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 – 7.30 pm Junior Choir practice

8.00 – 9.00 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 1st May

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Said Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

also on Zoom

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings to you all and thank you for all that you do, especially your support, encouragement and acceptance of one another. I hope you are enjoying the weather and that those of you who love gardening have been able to get a lot done. Please join me in welcoming the Reverend Nicholas Burton who is worshipping with us today at the Church Centre. Nicholas and his family live in Tunbridge Wells and from May he will be worshipping with us and getting involved in our services twice a month, We look forward to sharing fellowship with him and his family as, together, we continue our Christian journey of faith.

Ronnie

Ascension Day

As the restrictions are easing and the Covid rates are so much lower, a midweek Ascension Day Service will be held at the Parish Church. This will take place on Thursday 13th May beginning at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

The Choir

We are delighted that the Choir are now able to resume Covid secure choir practice on a Friday evening. As many of our young singers have moved into the adult section we are now recruiting new junior choristers. If you know any children who enjoy singing and might be interested, do please contact Fiona or Ginette. They would be most welcome to come to choir practice on a Friday to see what we do and make new friends.

Confirmation Service

We will be having a Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Simon, at St Paul's at 6:00 pm on the 27th of June. If you or someone you know would like to be confirmed (confirm your Christian faith) please contact Ronnie or the parish office.

Rev. Sonja Wratten

Some of you may remember Sonja Wratten who sang in the Choir many years ago. She has been an ordained Minister for over a decade and on the 19th of April was collated as the new Vicar of the Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin in Reading. There has not been a celebration service as yet, due to the restrictions, but we wish Sonja every success in her new role.

QR Code

We have been asked by the council to remind people to scan the QR codes when visiting either Church. For people without smart phones our track and trace lists will be sufficient.

Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

It is lovely that we are now able to have flower arrangements by the altar again. The list for the remainder of the year is available in the Library for people to choose a date. Our thanks to the flower team for enabling this to happen.

Sensory Blankets

Valerie Pentecost is using her time during lock to make sensory blankets. She would be very grateful for any wool donations that she can use for crocheting. You can leave wool at the Parish Office or bring to Church.

APCM 2021

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for 2021 will be held on Monday 17th May at 7.45 pm. It will begin with the Meeting for Election of Churchwardens, open to all in the parish, and continue to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, open to all on the church Electoral Roll.

The Notice of a Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens together with the Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting have been posted at the Parish Church and the Church Centre.

The meeting will take place both over Zoom and physically at the Church Centre.

Zoom log in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577115372>

Meeting ID: 825 7711 5372

Passcode: 331097

Alternatively you can dial in using one of the following numbers

0208 080 6591 United Kingdom

0208 080 6592 United Kingdom

0330 088 5830 United Kingdom

0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

0203 901 7895 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 825 7711 5372

Passcode: 331097

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of churchwarden or PCC representative, please do so by 14th May using the correct form. These can be downloaded from www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms - towards the bottom of the page the section entitled APCM Forms. Alternatively they can be obtained from Ginette at the Parish Office.

Group Reports of activities in 2020 – should anyone like to add an account of their activities during 2020 to the APCM papers please submit your report to Ginette at the Parish Office.

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