

Sunday 25th April 4th Sunday of Easter



We welcome everyone to our Service today

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. (Psalm 23.1)



Hymn 1

The Lord is risen indeed

Hymn 2

Light's abode

Anthem

O sing joyfully - Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.

For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob. Ps. 81. 1-4

Sunday Club Appeal — Leaders and Helpers needed !

We are hoping to start running Sunday club again (outdoors for the time being) and I am looking for volunteers to be Sunday Club leaders and helpers! No qualifications required, just a willingness to have fun with the children and get stuck in. If you feel that you may be able to help please email Kate on katedoody2012@gmail.com for more details.

In the meantime any children are welcome to join us on Zoom, for more details please email: Katedoody2012@gmail.com or join our Facebook group: **St Mary's Sunday Club**.

Online Services

Although we have returned to services in church we will remember and pray for all those who feel unable to return yet.

Services continue to be premiered on YouTube (under videos):

[Benefice of Bletchingley and Nutfield - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHlZkSxgv0qekIwx2Chw>

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR**The Worldwide Church and the life of our Diocese**

Rector Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon-Green C.A.

Her Majesty The Queen and for all members of the Royal Family in their bereavement. We pray that the Queen may find comfort in prayer and Your loving guidance.

The Communities of our United Benefice Father, thank you for the communities you have placed us in. We praise you for the beautiful gift of prayer. We pray for courage, opportunities and ultimately, revival, as our local areas are filled with prayer and your presence this weekend and beyond. Amen

Ministry with Christ Church South Nutfield

Our World and its needs O God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

Our Link with Zimbabwe The people of Zimbabwe and for Bishop Ignatius as he leads the diocese in trying to meet the needs of the people.

Those who are unwell In mind, body or soul. Amen.

We remember Those whom we love and see no more and those who mourn their loss. With the angels and saints, each day and each night, each shade and each light, I bend my knee in the eye of the Father who created me, in the eye of the Son who redeemed me, in the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me. In love and affection, in wisdom and grace, in love and in fear, for ever and ever. Amen.



Readings

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. CW

First Bible Reading Acts 4. 5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.' NRSV

Second Reading 1 John 3. 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. NRSV

Gospel Reading John 16. 16-22

Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Very truly, I tell

you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. NRSV

Post Communion Sentence

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. CW

Prayers for the week

Be 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. Amen.



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

Father God, we are thankful for Jesus. We know Him and He knows us. Thank you for all those who have been our shepherds. We ask that you would help us to be your good shepherds. Amen.

Living God, you have given us a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: grant that we, being risen with Him, may fix our hearts on heavenly things and share eternal life. Amen

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

My natural mother, my gracious mother, my most precious mother, have mercy on me. I have made myself dirty and unlike you, and I may not and cannot make it better, except with your secret help and your grace. Julian of Norwich (c.1342-c.1416)

Grant to us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may again praise you, the eternal God, blessed over all things now and for ever. Amen Mozarabic Sacramentary, 10th century)

Daily Readings for the Week 26 April to 1 May

Monday, 26 April	Psalm 95;	1 Samuel 16:1-13;	1 Peter 5:1-5
Tuesday, 27 April	Psalm 95;	1 Chronicles 11:1-9;	Revelation 7:13-17
Wednesday 28 April	Psalm 95;	Micah 7:8-20;	Mark 14:26-31
Thursday, 29 April	Psalm 22:25-31;	Amos 8:1-7;	Acts 8:1b-8
Friday, 30 April	Psalm 22:25-31;	Amos 8:11-13;	Acts 8:9-25
Saturday, 1 May	Psalm 22:25-31;	Amos 9:7-15;	Mark 4:30-32

U p c o m i n g S e r v i c e s

Sun 2nd May 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sun 9th May 9.30 am Holy Communion

Thurs 13th May 8pm Ascension Day Holy Communion

Sun 16th May 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sun 23rd May 9.30am Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion

Sun 30th May 9.30 am Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Other Services at St. Mary's Monday to Saturday

The church is open daily from 9am to 5pm for morning and evening prayer.

Getting in Touch

Rev Phe.

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help, if you or someone you know, would like to talk to or be prayed for at our daily prayers during the week, then please do contact Rev Phe (if you are asking on behalf of someone else please seek their permission)

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The Benefice Office

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Hatch & Match with Rev Phe

If you would like to discuss a baptism or are planning to marry, then please, in the first instance, contact Elaine in the office to arrange a meeting with Rev Phe.

Copy Deadline

Please send notices to Elaine via the office as above, by 10am each Tuesday for inclusion in the next Sunday sheet, thank you.

Thank you Val!

I would like to offer an enormous thank you to Val for producing a weekly newsletter while I was furloughed. Val's done an amazing job in my absence, thank you. *Elaine*

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