

The Collect

**Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Meditation before service

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958)

Acts 3.12–19

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

Psalm 4

(BCP)

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
- 3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There be many that say : Who will shew us any good?
- 7 Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.
- 9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

I John 3.1–7

New Testament reading

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24.36b–48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?'³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.'

Postcommunion Collect

**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.**



14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Rachel Watts
Reader	Richard Cole
Intercessor	Nick Clarke
Organist	John Wardle
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Setting	Rawsthorne, <i>Festive Eucharist</i>
Hymns	216 The day of resurrection 208 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky 507 We have a gospel to proclaim
Readings	Acts 3.12–19 I John 3.1–7
Gradual hymn	193 All heaven declares
The Gospel	Luke 24.36b–48
Song sequence	<i>Holy, holy, Lord God almighty; You are the King of glory</i>
Communion anthem	Riley, <i>Song of Mary of Magdala</i>

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Gail Nichols, Adrian Simper, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Philip Sargeant, Sonja Lennon, John Cullen, June Barber, Peter Lloyd, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Barrie Burton, Lou, Lorraine Watkins, Chloe Gilmore, Jean and Leigh Latimer

The departed: Tim Yeager

Year's mind: Bill Jackson, Joan Mary Jones, Lawrence Honnysett, Betty Finch

NOTICES

Services on Sunday BCP Eucharist at 8 am; Sung Eucharist at 10.45 am.

Concert There will be a performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by children from our church school (with a little assistance from the choir) on Friday **26 April** at 6.30 pm. This will be preceded in the first half of the programme by music from the choir including *Zadok the Priest* and *Hear my Prayer*. **For further details please see the poster below.**

Cleaning Rota We are trying to get a group of volunteers to help clean the church once a month. Please sign the form at the back of church and enter the area you are happy to be responsible for. Many thanks.

Friday Prayer Group This meets in church at 9.30 am every Friday for a short prayer time together. Please do join us and enjoy a coffee together in the Falcon afterwards.

Nativity Working Party Yes, we are already thinking about having a Nativity exhibition in church at Christmas this year! We are looking for interested members of our church congregation to make this a great success, involving schools and all the community. If you are interested please let our Rector know. We already have many and varied Nativity sets to use and we are sure there must be many more available around the town and amongst the congregation. We look forward to hearing from you.

For Sale Piano and mobility scooter belonging to our dear late friend Dorine. If you are interested, please let Jenny know; uppinghamchurchoffice@gmail.com

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Wednesday **15 May** at 7 pm in church. Everyone welcome.

Online Giving It is now possible to make your donation to the church directly via this link: <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=621>

April Prayer Calendar Countries of the North Pacific Ocean. This month's prayer is written by Katharine Gaine.

Almighty God, we pray that you will look down on the countries of the North Pacific Ocean. May the people of America, Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean Islands learn to live together more harmoniously and to lessen the gun violence and gang warfare that is so prevalent there and which so often leads to the harming of innocent people. Give strength and courage to those who strive to bring about a better understanding between rival sides, particularly when they endanger their own lives whilst doing so. We pray, too, that we may all work towards reducing the harm that we are causing to your created world, so that events such as hurricanes, flash floods, droughts and wildfires which occur frequently in that part of the world may become less common and we might learn to appreciate more fully the beauty of your creation. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Tedesca Quartet



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Tickets £20

To book tickets, please contact Clare:
07939088929

Haydn Quartet Op 76 No 1 in G Major

Shostakovich Quartet No 7 in F# Minor Op 106

Schubert Quartet in A Minor

D805 "Rosamunde"

4 PM

Saturday 13th April 2024

An illustration of five stylized Egyptian figures in yellow and black attire, carrying large golden spheres on their heads. They are positioned behind the text.

Joseph and his adventures in Egypt

with the choir of
Uppingham CofE Primary School
and music by the church choir

Join us on
Friday 26 April : 6.30pm

Admission free : refreshments
Retiring donations for church funds