

Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

Sundays 7th and 14th April 2024
Second and Third Sundays of Easter

St James' Ruscombe

7th April	9.00 am	No Service	-	-
14th April	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Graham Theobald	Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48

St Mary's Twyford

7th April	10.30 am	Family Service	Family Service Team	Genesis 1:20-25
14th April	10.30 am	Worship for All	Revd Helen Charlton	Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:13-35

Twyford URC

7th April	10.30 am	Morning Service	Mrs Judith Norris	Acts 2:42-47 John 20:19-31
14th April	10.30 am	Morning Service	Revd Gordon Connell	




Church Family News

Benefice Update: As of 1st April, the former benefice of Ruscombe and Twyford with Hurst has officially been divided into two benefices: the Benefice of Ruscombe and Twyford and the Benefice of Hurst.

As a result, Hurst will no longer be present on our Website, Facebook and ChurchSuite, so these have been updated accordingly. We will maintain the THRU-Christ branding for the time being. If anyone would like to receive news from Hurst parish, then please contact the church office or Jenny Beasley jenny.beasley1@btinternet.com.

Vacancy: Our vacancy for a vicar for Ruscombe and Twyford is being advertised from today, Friday 5th April, and the parish profile is available to view on the website <https://thru-christ.org.uk/office/vacancies/>. Assuming we received suitable applicants, interviews will take place towards the end of May.

Please pray for this stage of our journey.

Family Services at St Mary's: We are continuing the theme of **growing** 

This Sunday 7th April we will be Growing in Creation, celebrating all the animals and wildlife that God has created.

Date Correction! The Deanery Confirmation Service with Bishop Olivia will be at 6.15pm on **Sunday 19th May** (Pentecost) at St Paul's, Wokingham. Please let Helen Charlton know if you are interested in being confirmed at this special service.

Celebration Service for the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women: A special Eucharist will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 28 April at 2.30pm to celebrate the journey, ministry and achievements of ordained women in the Church of England. Bishop Olivia will preside with the Venerable Christine Allsopp (who was among those women priested in the Oxford Diocese in 1994) preaching. More information and tickets available [here](#).

St James' Ruscombe would love new people to come along to the services and so consider if they are able to help occasionally as servers and sidespeople. If you love being outside in nature, then the churchyard is a beautiful environment for willing volunteers for tidying and gardening. Please contact John Porter jl.porter2016@gmail.com.

Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Steven, Lizzy, Ted, Eldred, Peter, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John, Tony and Anne.

Lord God of heaven and earth, of past and future, of paths and journeys, we thank you for all that was good about the life we shared as one benefice - in good times and in bad.

We thank you for shared discipleship and for the road we walked together. We thank you now that you call us into the future as friends and neighbours.

May our memories be a solid foundation for all that is to come.

May we relish always the things we learned and shared.

And may the years to come be a time of fresh vision, greater outreach and a closer walk with you, the one True God, of Eden and Golgotha and the empty tomb.

Call us into new adventures.

Show us fresh possibilities.

Inspire us with dreams and visions- for we are your people and you are our God, always. Amen.

Fr Richard Lamey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Electoral Roll: The deadline for new applications is Sunday 7th April for the APCM new roll preparation.

Friendship Club: Tuesday 9th April 1.45pm at Twyford URC Schoolroom: "Ayres and Grey-ces" Musical Afternoon.

Chris Easton Funeral: Friday 12th April 10.45am at St Mary's Church, Twyford. This will also be live-streamed.

APCM & LEP Annual Meeting: Wednesday 24th April 7.45pm at St Mary's Church Centre.

Midweek Communion: Thursday 25th April 10.30am at St Mary's Church Centre.

Celebration Service for the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women: Sunday 28th April 2.30pm at Christ Church Cathedral

Deanery Confirmation Service with Bishop Olivia: This will be held at 6.15pm on Sunday 19th May (Pentecost) at St Paul's, Wokingham

ZOOM: We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND NEWS: Please email office@thru-christ.org.uk if you have any church events, clubs or notices that you would like to be included in this news sheet.

Next Week: Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

St James' Ruscombe

9.00 am Morning Prayer Alan Gwynn

St Mary's Twyford

10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Steve Turville

Twyford URC

10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Gordon Connell

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