



**Weekly Newsletter for
The Benefice of Evesham, All Saints
with Norton & Lenchwick, St Egwin**



Readings and Notices for
Sunday 14 April 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TODAY

Time	Service/Event	Church/Venue	Details
8.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints	President & Preacher: Revd Andy Green
10.00am	Parish Communion	St Egwins	President & Preacher: Revd Canon John Green
10.00am	Parish communion	All Saints	President & Preacher: Revd Andy Green

Service book: Eastertide
Music setting: Archer
Sides: Pam & Jim Osborne
Readers: Jim Osborne, Pam Osborne
Intercessions: Lindsay Ladbrook
Coffee: Colette Arbuthnot, Jayne Fleetwood.

Hymn

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber;
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

Collect

God of all the prophets, you fulfilled your promise of old that your Christ would suffer and so rise to glory. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the risen Christ, that we may be his witnesses to the farthest reaches of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading – a reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,

and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4.32-35

Second reading – a reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and

the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1.1 – 2.2

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance,
said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;

They whipped and they stripped and
they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned
black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your
back;
They buried my body and they thought
I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leap up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

When it was evening on that day, the
first day of the week, and the doors of
the house where the disciples had met
were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus
came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples rejoiced when they
saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
'Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you.' When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said
to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you
forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they
are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin),
one of the twelve, was not with them
when Jesus came. So the other disciples
told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he
said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of
the nails in his hands, and put my finger
in the mark of the nails and my hand in

his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in
the house, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut, Jesus
came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then he said to
Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see
my hands. Reach out your hand and put
it in my side. Do not doubt but
believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord
and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have
you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the
presence of his disciples, which are not
written in this book. But these are
written so that you may come to
believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son
of God, and that through believing you
may have life in his name.

John 20.19-31

Offertory Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his story, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He send his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Hymn

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus, broken for you.*

He offered his body, he poured out his
soul;
Jesus was broken, that we might be
whole.

Come to my table and with me dine;
eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

This is my body given for you;
eat it remembering I died for you.

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new.

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.

Hymn

O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!*

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think
that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow
in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!

Notices

APCM

We are holding our APCM on Sunday 28 April after the 10am service. We have 3 PCC members who have completed their 3 year term and we therefore have 3 positions up for nomination and possible subject to an election.

We are also keen to recruit people to be sides people and to help with the coffee after the service on a Sunday. If you are interested please email secretary@evesham.church

The Carballosa Family

Some of you may know that Fr Juan's son, Samuel, whose asylum application had to be done separately as he is over 21, has been refused and is facing the prospect of a return to Cuba where he is not welcome. We are working hard to appeal the decision and are looking to instruct an experienced lawyer in Cuban affairs and this is likely to cost in the region of £5000. Lesley Harris and Amanda Palmer are coordinating a fundraising campaign and anyone who wishes to help or is seeking more information please speak to them after the service. AS

Office

The office will be closed on Monday and Friday this coming week as Katy is on holiday. Sara will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Organist

We are delighted to say we have appointed a new organist to start on Sunday 5 May. His name is Robin Freeland and we look forward to hearing his talents.

Sue Hopkins Funeral

The funeral of Sue Hopkins will take place at All Saints Church on Thursday 25 April at 11.30am.

Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 14 April 2024

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Carole Vizer, Carol Thould, Christine Vellender, Diane Tanner, Janet Webb,

Those who have recently died:

Sue Hopkins, Evelyn Smout, Brian Livingstone, Jeanette Hopkins, Robin Hillman, Pauline McLaren-Humphrey.

Year's Mind: Derek Bunker, Janet Watson, Dan Linehan, Janet Lippett

Services and Events for the week ahead

Monday 15 April

- 11.00am Funeral of Evelyn Smout ,All Saints followed by burial at Waterside.
6.30pm Yellow Scarf, Church House.

Wednesday 17 April

- 9.30am Stay and Play,All Saints
10.00am Yellow Scarf, Church House
3.00pm Prince Henrys music recital rehearsal—Church Closed from 3pm
7.30pm Understanding Palestine, Methodist Church.

Thursday 18 April

- 10.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints.
President & preacher: Revd Caroline Green
5.45pm Yellow Scarf, Church House

Friday 19 April

- 2.00pm Tea Service,All Saints.

Saturday 20 April

- 10.00am Coffee morning, St Egwins

Sunday 21 April

- 8.00am Holy Communion,All Saints.
President & Preacher:
10.00am Service of Worship St Egwin's
Led by Revd Caroline Green.
10.00am Parish Communion.All Saints.
President & Preacher: Revd Peter Knight
Sides: Colette Arbuthnot, Jayne Fleetwood
Readers: Jim Jarvis, Pippa Hodges
Intercessions: Jayne Fleetwood
Coffee: Rosie Grove, Carol Sheehan

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Fundraising / Social events At All Saints Church for 2024

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18 May – Summer Fayre – to be held in church during the Medieval Market.

Saturday 29 June – Art exhibition, open to all local artist; come and peruse the lovely artwork and maybe have a glass of prosecco or wine! Opportunities to buy art on the day.

Saturday 27 July – Craft Fayre for local talents to show how they make their wares - £10 per table for each person wishing to demonstrate and sell their goods.

Sunday 29 September - Harvest bring and share lunch

Saturday 5 October (tbc) – silent disco – adults 7-10pm with a bar.

Saturday 23 November - Christmas Fayre — lots of lovely Christmas gifts along with the popular cakes, raffle and tombola.

If you would like to help at any of the events please talk to one of the team, this can include helping at the event, making (or buying) cakes for the cake stall, providing prizes for the raffle or tombola. Contact secretary@evesham.church



New Life CHOIR Live on Tour

Abaana is bringing hope to children in Africa!

20 CHILDREN have travelled from
Uganda to share their stories through song and dance




Abaana Concert
Thursday 2nd May 2024, 7pm
(free entry, donations
welcome)


at St Peter's Church,
Bengeworth, Evesham,
WR11 3LF.


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