

ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM

Weekly Newsletter with Readings and Notices for Sunday 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday

Services for Today		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Led by Lee Fisher
10.00 am	Parish Communion Service book: Easter	President & Preacher: Revd Peter Thomas Sides: Colette Arbuthnot, Rosie Grove Readers: Rosie Grove, Marjorie Arthurs Intercessions: Clive Greedy Coffee: Sara Greedy, Chris Spriggs

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured,
Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King,
Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” *Acts 10.34-43*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3.1-4

Gradual hymn

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour.
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
is not silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned
bright.

They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord

out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where

you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her. *John 20.1-18*

Hymn

We turn to Christ anew
who hear his call today,
his way to walk, his will pursue,
his word obey.

To serve him as our King
and of his kingdom learn,
from sin and every evil thing
to him we turn.

We trust in Christ to save;
in him new life begins:
who by his cross a ransom gave
from all our sins.

Our spirits’ strength and stay
who when all flesh is dust
will keep us on that final day,
in him we trust.

We would be true to him
till earthly journeys end,
whose love no passing years can dim,
our changeless friend.

May we who bear his name

our faith and love renew,
to follow Christ our single aim,
and find him true.

Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or
mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

Offertory Hymn

See what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in
Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled
with light,
As the angels announce Christ is
risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in
love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He
lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He
laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the
empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her
name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life
again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,

Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the
dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of
Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith
with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and
authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the
dead!

Hymn

All heaven declares,
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
With the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone.

I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain
To reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship You alone.

Post communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meet us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;

make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.


Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 5 April 2026

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Pippa Hodges, Ann Linehan, Marjorie Testar, Hilary Earnshaw, Morris Hall, Frank Hillebrand, Patricia Millard

Those who have recently died: Florence Baines, Norma Tigwell, Beryl Marshal Cutler, Peggy Greedy, Phyllis Andrew, Margaret Darby

Year's Mind: Leslie Tanner, Clifford Hall, Anthony Abbey, Victor Andrews, Cyril Harris



Services and Events for the week ahead

Thursday 9th April

10.00 am Morning prayer, led by Julie Westlake

12.30 Funeral of Beryl Marshal Cutler, All Saints and
Burial at Bengeworth Cemetery.

Led by Revd Dr Prajna Lad

7.30 pm Evesham Music Club Concert –
Philharmonic Europe

Friday 10th April

10.00 am Citizens Advice drop-in surgery, Church House

2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

Sunday 12th April –

10.00 am Service at St Andrews, Hampton

All events/services in All Saints' Church unless otherwise stated

Notices

Christian Aid Bring and Share

On Sunday 10 May we will be holding a bring and share lunch in aid of Christian Aid. A list will be put at the back of church nearer the time.

Coffee Rota

We are looking for more people to join the coffee rota as at present we only have enough for 4 weeks which means all those volunteers have to do at least 1 Sunday a month. As we approaching holiday season we will struggle to cover every week. If you feel you can help please let the office know.

Heather Armitage

Heather's funeral will be held at St Bartholomew's Church Yarnton OX 5 1PY on Thursday 16th April at 11.30am. Yarnton is just north of Oxford on the A44. Alan Whitehouse will be attending and can offer a lift to 3 or 4 people.

Office closed

Please note the office will be closed Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th April – it will re open on Wednesday 8th at 9am.

Easter flowers

A big thank you to the team who have done the flowers for Easter and making the Church look beautiful. If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers please see Merry.

Bishop Hugh's Easter message

Let's be clear; people who have been crucified do not come back to life. The first followers of Jesus in the first century knew it and we know it now. When someone is crucified, that is definitely the end. But the heart of the Christian faith; the living, beating heart of what Christians believe, is that Jesus Christ - a human being like you and me, was crucified, died and then rose again. And that impossible truth, that Jesus rose from the dead, marks the moment when the usual pattern of things – life followed by death – was turned upside down. And from that reversal of what's normal, flow other truths that turn the world upside down. For instance, it looks 'normal' that powerful people who are in charge get to have the final word – but all the power of the Roman Empire didn't manage to keep Jesus dead. Or it's normal to think that punishment is the right response to injustice and wrongdoing – but the risen Jesus didn't seek out those who had failed him and nailed him to a cross. Instead, when he meets people, he forgives them and gives them back their dignity. Or it seems normal that suffering, sin and evil always have the loudest voice in our world – but Jesus' resurrection promises that their power has been defeated and that there are more important voices at work. The voices of hope, generosity and courage, for instance. In a world in which violence, injustice and suffering seem so normal, the resurrection opens the door to a new normal and to an alternative pattern of life. Easter tells us that the horrors of war in Ukraine, unimaginable suffering in the Middle East and poverty in our own communities, are not normal and never will be. Easter cries out that homelessness and mental illness are not inevitable and never will be. Easter promises us that hope, forgiveness and mercy are available – that they are the normal that God longs to see. The risen Jesus says – 'I have turned what you thought 'normal' upside down and started a revolution of hope. Join me and let's build a new 'normal'.' I pray that you will know the new 'upside down normal' in your own lives and in your communities and that, seeing the revolution of hope at work, you'll join in.

Happy Easter and God bless

Bishop Hugh



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