

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, PULBOROUGH



# EASTER DAY

5<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

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**‘Easter greetings to one and all’ and a  
“Happy birthday to Ann Elizabeth Kenyon on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April”**

# Welcome to our Parish Eucharist on Easter Sunday: the Day of Resurrection

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

The First Reading: Maureen Varndell

The Second Reading: Susie Hindman

The Intercessions: Hannah Holloway

The Setting: Thorne

Ministers of Communion: David Hayes and Graham Allfrey

To keep our church **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a weekly financial challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving Scheme**, our Treasurer is assured of a regular income, even when you are **unable to attend church**. Please consider using the PGS, details can be found at the back of the church. Cash is always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope.



We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.

**Thank you so much for supporting our churches' ministry and mission**

*In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you*

*Do join us for refreshments after the service*

*Introductory organ music: –  
"Symphony no.4" William Boyce.*

*Please stand when the bell*

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 110

Verse 1 'Surrexit hodie' (14th Century) translated anon. as in  
Lyra Davidica (1708); verses 2-3 from J. Arnold's 'Compleat  
Psalmody' (1749)

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | Jesus Christ is risen to-day,<br>Our triumphant holy day,<br>Who did once, upon the cross,<br>Suffer to redeem our loss,                | Alleluya!<br>Alleluya!<br>Alleluya!<br>Alleluya! |
| 2 | Hymns of praise then let us sing,<br>Unto Christ, our heavenly King,<br>Who endured the cross and grave,<br>Sinners to redeem and save, | Alleluya!<br>Alleluya!<br>Alleluya!<br>Alleluya! |
| 3 | But the pains that he endured,<br>Our salvation have procured;<br>Now above the sky he's King,<br>Where the angels ever sing,           | Alleluya!<br>Alleluya!<br>Alleluya!<br>Alleluya! |

✠ In the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Fr Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people  
to make an act of penitence*

## The Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

## The Thorne Gloria

**Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.**

**Glory to God in the Highest, and  
peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, Heav'nly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God, in the Highest.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
Glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest**

### **The Collect for the Day**

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**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

***Please sit***

### **The First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 118**

**Music Christopher Walker**

***This day was made by the Lord,***

***Let us rejoice, let us be glad.***

***This day was made by the Lord,***

***Let us rejoice in salvation***

1 I thank you, your love is eternal, you have given me life

**You have given me life.**

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain***

2 Your hand raised me up in triumph, you have given me life

**You have given me life.**

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain***

3 The stone which the builders rejected is the corner stone

**Is the corner stone.**

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain***

4 You opened the gates of heaven, you have given me life

**You have given me life.**

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain***

- 5 You are my strength and my Saviour, you have given me life  
**You have given me life.**  
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **Refrain**

## The Second Reading: Colossians 3. 1-4

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians*

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

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

## The Gospel Reading: John 20. 1-18

*The Alleluia is sung by the choir and then repeated by the congregation*

Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya,  
al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 towards 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' 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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

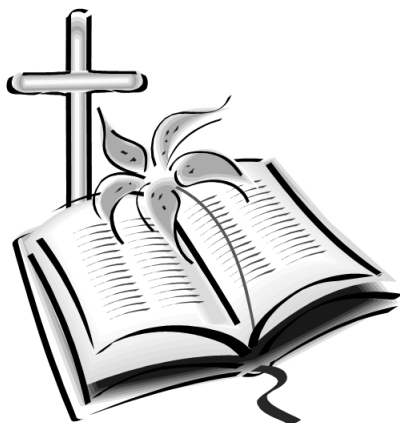
turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to 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.

*.After the Gospel reading:-*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



*Please sit*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

*This response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Intercessions may conclude with the following:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*Fr Paul introduces the Peace:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*At this point in the service a **collection will be taken** for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you*

**The Offertory Hymn: O&N 603**  
**Michael Baughen (born 1930) based on Psalm 98**

- 1 Sing to God new songs of worship-  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm.  
He has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving pow'r;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.**
  
- 2 Sing to God new songs of worship-  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness.  
Sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the King!**
  
- 3 Sing to God new songs of worship-  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters,  
sound your praises to the Lord.  
Let the hills rejoice together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.**

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Prayer over the Gifts is said*

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Fr Paul continues until the following is used:*

**Great is the mystery of faith,  
Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

*Fr Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to  
which all respond: Amen*

*Please kneel or sit*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**



## The Giving of Communion

*Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*(All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.*

*Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing; if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed) Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

*Please wait to be directed to communion.*

**The Post Communion Hymn: See what a morning**

- 1** 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!
  
- 2** 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.
  
- 3** 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!

*Please kneel or sit*

### **The Prayer after Communion**

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**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and  
bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

*Notices will now be given out*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

The Recessional Hymn: NEH 120

Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle  
(1875-1939)

- 1      **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 vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***
  
- 2      **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain***
  
- 3      **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.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***

*Concluding Organ Music: "Toccata in G"  
Theodore Dubois.*

**EASTER GREETING FROM ROSEMARY JONES**

Dear Rosemary sends her love to everyone at St Marys and hopes  
to be back with us soon.

## **For your prayers this week**

*We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.*

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We also pray for Martin, our Bishop as he prepares for his retirement.*

*In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:  
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

*In our **Diocesan cycle of prayer** we pray for:  
The Diocesan Synod and its sub-committees*

*We pray for those preparing for **Baptism and or Confirmation**, especially those from our own congregation; Jessilyn, Jeremiel, Luna, James and Michael*

*We pray for the work of **SPLASH** in their work with young people across the Deanery.*

*We pray for **our nation and government**:  
For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and other troubled parts of the world**. We pray for all **migrants and refugees** and all who have been driven from their homes. We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

***Those who are now in need of healing:***

*Patrick Carr, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Jim Crowley, Charlie Goldsmith, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Don Hubert, Margaret Gregory, Kelvin Tatum, John Raynard, Maud and James*

***Those who are in need of on-going prayer:***

*Rachel Webbe, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim*

***Pray to rest in peace: Janice Roscoe and Baby Fern***

***Anniversary of death: Pamela Cromwell, Phyllis Harlock, Stella Ellis***

***Village Prayers: Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live or work in Stopham Road, Station Road, Swan Corner, Arun Prospect, Riverside Court/The Willows Waters Edge, Lyntons, Cobbetts Mews, Bartram Close, Church Hill, Church Place and Old Rectory Lane***

**THE REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the PCC, beginning on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April and ending on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

Forms to have your name included on the roll are available at the back of the church.

**Toni Hayes, Electoral Roll Officer**

**MEETING MATTHEW**

The Meeting Matthew small group will recommence on Wednesday evenings starting on **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 7pm at 86 Glebelands** and all are welcome at this informal and friendly gathering.

**6<sup>th</sup>: MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**7<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

9.30am Morning Prayer

4.30 pm Confirmation group meet in church

**8<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

9.45am Morning Prayer

**10.15 am The Holy Eucharist**

**9<sup>th</sup>: THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

9.30am Morning Prayer

7pm Standing Committee meet at 1 The Mews

**10<sup>th</sup>: FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

1.30pm Funeral of Janice Roscoe R.I.P.

**11<sup>th</sup>: SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**12<sup>th</sup> THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said in the chapel

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Exodus 14. 10-end; 15, 20-21, Acts 2. 14a, 22-32  
and John 20. 19-end

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We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible, which helps us  
cover the cost of printing and paper

The dates we have for the next two months are:

**Next Sunday April: 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sundays in May: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>

Sundays in June 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>

Do contact Ann Kaiser ([ann.kasier@live.co.uk](mailto:ann.kasier@live.co.uk)) if you can help