
Pew-sheet for Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

Today's services

Sunday 31st March

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

To connect via zoom

Meeting ID: 833 3035 8290

Passcode: 735361

Or by phoning: 0131 460 1196 or

0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240

9.30am Holy Communion at the church of St Peter & St Paul, Cosgrove

10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St Leonard, Yardley Gobion

10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St Nicholas, Potterspury

10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St John the Evangelist, Wicken

Liturgical Colour: Gold or White

Collect for today

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.

Post Communion prayer for today

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

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 16.1-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 3rd April

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Thursday 4th April

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Sunday 7th April

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom or in person at Potterspurty Meeting ID 833 3035 8290 Passcode 735361

10.00am Holy Communion at Wicken

4.00pm Celtic Footsteps at Potterspurty

Support for you

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am – 4pm

Potterspury Daily 9am to around 5pm, or after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12noon-4pm

Wicken – the church can be opened if anyone would like to go in for prayer – please see the notice outside for details of who to contact.

Additional Lectionary Readings for Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25.6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 118.14-24

I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦ and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦ sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦ the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live ♦ and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦ but he has not given me over to death.

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19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦ that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦ the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦ and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦ has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦ and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦ we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

**Saving God,
open the gates of righteousness,
that your pilgrim people may enter
and be built into a living temple
on the cornerstone of our salvation,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

John 20.1-18

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. ² 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.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ 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."' ¹⁸ 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.

Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service. You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.