
Pew-sheet for Sunday 21st April 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's services

Sunday 21st April

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

10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St Nicholas, Potterspurty
6.00pm Evensong at the church of St Peter & St Paul, Cosgrove

Liturgical Colour: White

Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion prayer for today

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 10.11-18

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 John.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 24th April

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

Thursday 25th April

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

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

Friday 26th April

12.00 noon Funeral (Christine Coombes) at Cosgrove

Sunday 28th April

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

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10.00am Holy Communion at Cosgrove

4.00pm Sunday@Four at Yardley Gobion

Support for you

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am – 4pm

Potterspury Daily around 9am-5pm, or until 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 the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

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3 He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**O God, our sovereign and shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus
Christ from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting
presence and your angels of goodness
and love, that we also may come home**

and dwell with him in your house for ever.

1 John 3.16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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.