

Sunday 12th April 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-32 (*p.115*); 1 Peter 1:3-9 (*p.229*) and John 20:19-end (*p.112*)

Please pray for

... Dave Barclay, Carole Bookham, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Jean Reed, Jay Whittaker and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Gladys Wilmott, Winifred Twidell and Thora Reed whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Madrid Road and Manor Way.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

This time last week we celebrated Easter, and for the first time I attended All Saints' wonderful sunrise service. 20 or 25 of us gathered, with just enough horizon light to guide us to a semi-circle of garden chairs in front of church. Also lighting up the early morning was a fire tray of logs and/or coals - I couldn't see which. In fact, I couldn't see much of anything. My short-sightedness in the pre-dawn meant I was in the dark, until the giant Paschal candle was lit, followed by handheld candles for each of us. As the sun slowly rose, the scene was gradually illuminated.

Only then did I realise that apart from my family, and Beverly who was leading, and Andy next to me, I didn't really have much of a clue who was there. The flickering candles gave me a vague idea - oh yes that's Trish, oh I think that's Mike - but it was only when daylight arrived, with its dawn chorus of praise, that the faces across from me became clearer. I find a similar story in today's reading.

Easter may be behind us, but the church calendar now sees us in the season of Eastertide - the 50-day season till Pentecost. Over the coming weeks we'll explore what happened next after that first Easter, beginning with the resurrected Jesus appearing to the disciples. Except Thomas didn't see the light immediately. The identity of Jesus only dawned on Thomas when he was right in front of the risen Lord, putting his finger in the mark of the nails and his hand in his side.

Would we recognise Jesus? Will we recognise the light of Christ in each other? Will we journey through Eastertide striving to see him more clearly, and mirror his holy ways?

This 'Thomas Sunday' (as it's sometimes called in the Eastern church), may you be blessed.

Paul Young

Mission Focus for April: Friends International Guildford

One of the Christian charities that All Saints supports in many ways is Friends International Guildford (FIG). FIG aims to support international students at the University of Surrey in building up friendships with other students, making local links with families and exploring life in the UK. FIG organise events, experiences and social meet ups (online and in-person) to help students from other countries learn about and take part in British culture to get the most out of their time in Guildford. The staff team Lilli and Phil are both Chaplains at the University of Surrey. www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk.

Notices

Confirmation Classes: We'll be offering a six-week Confirmation Course for young people and young adults, starting on Sunday 19th April, and running through to Sunday 24th May. The classes will take place in the Reading Room, from 2.30-3.30pm, and be led by Andy Wells and Beverly. We'll be studying a book called, 'Faith Confirmed' by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright. Please let Beverly or Andy know if you'd like to join the course. (Each person will be free to decide at the end of the course if they feel ready to be Confirmed).

Building a Space for Everyone: On Thursday 30th April, 6pm we're holding a Big Build event in church. We'll be inviting people from the local community to join us for a tour, drinks and nibbles, a presentation and a Q&A session. Everyone is welcome and do please tell friends and neighbours about it. We'll need to know numbers, so if you'd like to come please book online or email Trish. More information, and a link to ticketing, on the website:

allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/the-big-build/community-event/.

Church Work Morning: Next Saturday, 18th, we'd love some help to do some jobs in and around the church. However much time you can spare and whatever abilities you have, we'll find you something to do! Come along any time between 9.30am and 1pm. Coffee and cake as always!

Upcoming Mission Events:

- **May Day Bank Holiday Walk, 4th May:** We'll be walking from All Saints to Puttenham via Watts Gallery. We'll depart at 10.15am, meet at Watts Gallery at around 11.15am. (Those unable to walk can meet the walkers here at the café). We'll leave Watts Gallery at 12 noon to head to St John's Church in Puttenham for a picnic. We'll return by the same route. Let Bruce or Katherine know if you'd like a lift back. Sign up in the foyer.
- **Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale, 16th May:** Between 2pm and 4.30pm we'll be taking over the Onslow Village Hall car park for our annual car wash and cake sale to raise funds for Christian Aid. Volunteers needed for car washing and baking! Please speak to Katherine.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 13th Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Big Build Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Tues 14th Altogether Worship Planning, Reading Room, 7.30pm
- Weds 15th Central Team Meeting, Zoom, 10.00am
Dray Court Easter Service, 2.30pm
Standing Committee Meeting, Zoom, 7.30pm
- Thurs 16th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 8.00pm
- Fri 17th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
- Sat 18th Church Work Morning, 9.30am-1pm
- Sun 19th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
Confirmation Class, Reading Room, 2.30pm
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 13th Ps. 19, Exodus 15:1-21, Colossians 1:1-14
- Tues 14th Ps. 8, Exodus 15:22-16:10, Colossians 1:15-end
- Weds 15th Ps. 30, Exodus 16:11-end, Colossians 2:1-15
- Thurs 16th Ps. 28, Exodus 17, Colossians 2:16-3:11
- Fri 17th Ps. 61, Exodus 18:1-12, Colossians 3:12-4:1
- Sat 18th Ps. 84, Exodus 18:13-end, Colossians 4:2-end

Service Readings for Sunday 19th April: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23 and Luke 24:13-35

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