



Please Pray for

...those who are unwell, including: **Rosemary Walker, Debbie Arthur, Jeanine, Debbie Matthias, Maggie and Neil, Karen** (and husband **Tim**), (all having cancer treatment), **Billy Lawson** (brain injuries), **Gwyneth Page, Wendy Rowe, Wendy Simpson** (broken shoulder), **Mavis Eastwood, Lynda Playle** (Clare Durham's Mum) and **John Burton** (in hospital)
 ...those who have died, including: **June Wareham** (funeral in WT at 2pm on 30th April), **Peter Gregson** (memorial service 3rd May), **Sarah Stokes** and **Dora Taylor**,

Like a young plant that defiantly emerges from winter's cold earth, the first Easter Day was the sure sign that a new chapter had begun in the human quest for God. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us hope that all may rise from spiritual darkness into a new relationship with God, 'seeking' – as today's Collect puts it – 'those things which are above' – the coming of his Kingdom on earth as in heaven.

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for each Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>
Monday	Genesis 48:8-19	<i>God has been my shepherd</i>
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	<i>The shepherd David made king</i>
Wednesday	Mark 14:26-31	<i>Christ, the suffering shepherd</i>
Thursday	Micah 7:8-20	<i>God will shepherd the people</i>
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-5	<i>Christ, the chief shepherd</i>
Saturday	Psalms 95	<i>We are the sheep of God's hand</i>
Sunday	John 15:1-8	<i>Christ, the vine</i>

Scripture Verse for this Week: "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:14-15 (TNIV))

A Morning Prayer: Lord God, help us to love others not only with our words but also with our actions. Amen. (1 John 3:18)

An Evening Prayer: Jesus our Good Shepherd, help us to listen to your voice. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. Amen. (Psalm 23:6)

Readings for 21st April – Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24 or Acts 4:5-12#; John 10:11-18

#Acts must be one of the readings (replacing OT or NT Reading)

If you have a particular request for prayer please mention this to the Rector

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If you would like a copy of these notices sent to you by email, please ask the Rector



East Dean, East Tytherley, Lockerley, Sherfield English, Wellow & West Tytherley

The Thorngate and Blackwater Churches

News and Notices – 21st to 28th April



Sunday 21st April – Easter 4

8am	Communion (BCP) at East Dean
9am	Matins at West Tytherley
9.15am	Holy Communion at Wellow
10.30am	Celebration Service at Lockerley
10.30am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
11am	Family Service at Sherfield English
11am	Eucharist at East Tytherley
3pm	Baptism of Cerys at Wellow
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Peter and John use the opportunity of appearing before the rulers of Israel to speak boldly about the power in the name of Jesus Christ to heal men and women.	Our sacrificial love for one another should be seen in action not just words, since God's Son sacrificed his own life for us.	Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who is ready to die for his sheep and he will gather all sheep into his one fold.

Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Monday 22nd April

7.30pm Annual Church Meetings in West Tytherley Church

Wednesday 24th April

9am Eucharist at Lockerley
7pm Annual Church Meetings in Sherfield English Church

Thursday 25th April

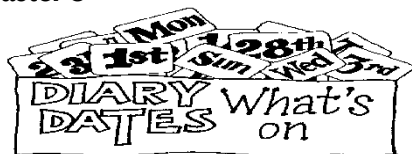
7pm Joint Council Meeting in Lockerley Church

Saturday 27th April

2pm-4pm UNICEF Bluebell Walk from Cyclops Cottage, Lockerley Green

Sunday 28th April – Easter 5

8.15am Communion (BCP) at Wellow
9am Eucharist at West Tytherley
9.15am Matins at Wellow
10.30am Eucharist at Lockerley
10.30am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
11am Morning Prayer at Sherfield English
11.45am Annual Church Meetings in Lockerley Church
6pm Evensong (BCP) at East Dean
9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches



**Charity of the Month
April 2024**

These are children and young people whose lives are affected by caring for a family member who has a long-term illness or disability, mental health problem, or issues with drugs or alcohol. They may care for a parent, brother or sister, or perhaps a grandparent living in the family home. Romsey Young Carers runs clubs, trips and activities and in-school support for young carers across the Southern Test Valley! There are 4 clubs for 4 age groups ranging from 8-16 years and our Moving On 16+ is a fifth group who have holiday meet ups. There is a befriending program and in 2022 was added the Sibbs Talk program to the additional support. They also won the Unity Volunteer Team of the Year 2023 Award.

More details from www.romseyyoungcarers.org.uk

(with a great short film from the BBC)

(Collection Baskets in each church or drop donations in to the Vicarage)

THE POSTER

VERSION	PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN	RESULT	FEEDBACK RECEIVED
FIRST DRAFT		EVENT	SHOULD WE ALSO MENTION...
FINAL VERSION		EVENT	IT SHOULD PROBABLY ALSO SAY...
FINAL VERSION 2		EVENT	IT WOULD BE GOOD TO INCLUDE ____, ____, AND ____.
FINAL VERSION 16 (B) (AMENDED)		EVENT	WHAT'S IT ABOUT? I HAVE NO IDEA

	5 th May	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	1030am Benefice Pentecost Service and Picnic at Sherfield English	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley	-	9.30am Short but Sweet		-
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration*	1030am Eucharist		1030am Eucharist *
Sherfield English	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer		11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	10am Service of the Word	8am (BCP) Communion		9am Eucharist
Wellow	9.15am Holy Communion	1030am Florence Nightingale Service	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am(BCP) Matins	

*Please support Fairtrade - goods on sale at back of Lockerley Church (1st & 4th Sundays)

Thanksgiving Service, Friday 3rd May 2pm in Romsey Abbey

As many of you know, very sadly **Professor Sir Peter Gregson** died suddenly at his home on Lockerley Green on 23rd February. Peter was a former Churchwarden at Romsey Abbey and a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the Abbey on Friday 3rd May at 2pm. If you would like to join this celebration of Peter's life, Rachael and his family would be most grateful if people could kindly complete the short RSVP link on his online Tributes page at www.petergregson.muchloved.com For those who are unable to attend in person, the service will be available to watch via a link detailed on www.petergregson.muchloved.com