



Please Pray for

...those who are unwell, including: **Rosemary Walker, Debbie Arthur, Jeanine, Maggie and Neil, Karen** (and husband **Tim**), (all having cancer treatment), **Joey Flood** (post Hip Op), **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: **Peter Gregson** (memorial service 3rd May)

It has been said that Christians are 'an Easter people, and Alleluia is their song.' Why? Because the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead gives them the hope that, in all circumstances, however dire, God works for good. The Gospel reading for today describes encounters between the risen Christ and the disciples, in which their fears and unbelief gave way to new faith, hope and joy.

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 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Hebrews 10:32 - 11:1	The certainty of faith
Tuesday	Jude 1:17-23	Be merciful to those who doubt
Wednesday	Isaiah 53:1-5	By his wounds we are healed
Thursday	1 Peter 2:13-25	By his wounds we are healed
Friday	Isaiah 26:1-4,12-19	God gives peace
Saturday	Psalms 29	God's people blessed with peace
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Eating with the risen Christ
Monday	Luke 24:13-16,28-35	The meal at Emmaus
Tuesday	John 21:1-14	Jesus appears by the Sea
Wednesday	Acts 1:1-8	You will be my witnesses
Thursday	Acts 10:34-43	The witness of the apostles
Friday	Acts 13:13-31,38-39	Paul's proclamation in Antioch
Saturday	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
Sunday	John 10:11-18	The good shepherd

A Blessing to Give: May the risen Lord Jesus give you peace. May your faith in him stay strong. Amen.

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 – 7th to 14th April

Sunday 7th April – Easter 2

8am	Communion (BCP) at Lockerley
9.15am	Holy Communion at Wellow
10am	Service at West Tytherley
10.30am	Celebration Service at Lockerley
10.30am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
11am	Matins (BCP) at East Dean
11am	Communion at Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Faith in the resurrection of Jesus, as preached by the apostles, results in a community where none are needy, and all wealth is held in common.	The writer of the epistle claims to be an eyewitness to the death and resurrection of Jesus; the evidence is what he has seen, heard and touched.	This Gospel reading explores the nature of faith, and of the evidence which we need – the witness of others, or our own experience – to have faith.

Sunday 14th April – Easter 3

8am	Communion (BCP) at West Tytherley
9am	Communion (BCP) at East Dean
9.15am	Holy Communion at Wellow
9.30am	Short but Sweet Service at East Tytherley
10.30am	Eucharist at Lockerley
10.30am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
11am	Morning Prayer at Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
After healing a lame man, Peter & John speak at Solomon's Portico. They ask the people why they wonder at the healing and explain that it was in the name of Jesus, whom God has glorified.	The Father has given us love, that we should be called children of God, but the world doesn't know us because the world didn't know God.	Jesus appears to his disciples after the resurrection. They are terrified, but he reassures them, telling them to stay in the city until they receive power from on high.

Monday to Saturday

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

Wednesday 10th and 17th April

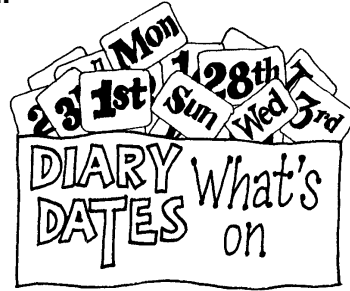
9am Eucharist/Morning Prayer at Lockerley

Saturday 20th April

6pm Sherfield English Quiz in Church

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



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

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

Prayer Requests from South Rwenzori (our link Diocese in Uganda)

- Join us in prayer that peace will continue to prevail in the Diocese.
- Pray that we shall be given resources to mitigate the long distances that our students walk to school and that God will provide resources for the construction of two student hostels - each to accommodate 300 students.
- Pray for our students at St. Paul's vocational secondary school located at the Diocesan office who suffer because they walk long distances and the girls are very vulnerable in such exposed situations.
- That the new life in Christ will inspire many across our Ugandan diocese.



**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 Sibs 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)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

