

# St. Ed's TOGETHER

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## EASTER

Easter is a special festival for Christians since the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith. When we read the events post the crucifixion of Jesus, we hear about the very first challenge that the disciples of Jesus had to face which is to come to terms with the absence and the presence of Jesus. The tomb should be a symbol of the presence of Jesus but the messengers who brought the news of the resurrection speak about the absence of Jesus in the Tomb.

They said they have met Jesus outside the tomb and that he is alive. Easter changed the lives of the disciples as they meet him in all sort of places. Jesus as the living Lord comes before them and meets the disciples in a closed room, Jesus meets the disciples by the sea, Jesus meets the disciples on the road.

What a joy it must have been for the disciples, after the death of Jesus, they were so afraid, they were so confused and were filled with grief and more than anything else the questions, what next? Is the death of Jesus also the end of their faith journey, what next for their lives, for all that they have learned about God, for all that Jesus had asked them to do?

Meeting the risen Christ and listening to him made what appeared to be the end, a new beginning. Every meeting strengthened them and helped them to believe in the risen Christ. Encountering the risen Christ made them to believe in him and listen to him. The truth that Jesus rose again from the dead made them to come back to life with boldness and joy and began to proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

Easter for us is to celebrate the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of darkness and Death. Jesus has risen from the dead and he is alive and he is the living, Lord. The resurrection of Jesus is the power that he shares with the church and with every believer. The power that helps us to overcome pain, abandonment, suffering and the fear of death. From any point of lifeless situation, we can come back to life with the power of the risen Christ.

May this Easter festival give us great joy, courage and hope to see a new beginning in what appears to be the end.

**Prem**

## PRAYER IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

### - Iona Community

Christ our life,  
you are alive  
in the beauty of the earth  
in the rhythm of the seasons  
in the mystery of time and space

**Alleluia**

Christ our Life,  
you are alive  
in the tenderness of touch  
in the heartbeat of intimacy  
in the insights of solitude

**Alleluia**

Christ our life  
you are alive  
in the creative possibility  
of the dullest conversation  
the dreariest task  
the most threatening event

**Alleluia**

Christ our life,  
you are alive  
to offer re-creation  
to every unhealed hurt  
to every deadened place  
to every damaged heart

**Alleluia**

You set before us a great choice.  
Therefore, we choose life.  
The dance of resurrection soars and surges  
through the whole creation.  
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.

This is grace, dying we live.

**So let us live, Help us live.**

# EASTER

*Turn on your TV and see what's on,  
advertises for Easter-all sorts- and all wrong.  
Pictures of Bunnies, and bright chocolate treats,  
holiday bookings and programme repeats.*

*But what about Jesus who was nailed to the cross,  
and Mary his mother who suffered his loss.  
The Tomb in a cave carved out from rock  
whilst all the believers suffered the shock,*

*Easter was made to remember God's Son,  
a victory o'er death and promise was done,  
So when Easter comes round as it does once a year,  
let's blaze out the truth for all folk to hear.*

*Ros Green*

## THE FLOWER THAT DID NOT BOW

**Fritillaria Imperialis** otherwise known as Crown Imperial. The Legend says that this plant was White and upright in the Garden of Gethsemane when Christ was arrested. When all the other flowers bowed their heads in sadness this flower remained upright. However, when it was scolded for its pride, it hung its head in shame and blushed turning red and orange and has wept tears of nectar ever since.



**Gill**

# EASTER

Easter, of course, is the most special time of the Christian year: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are unbelievably complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

**Jacqueline**

## **THE JOY OF EASTER**

As a child Easter meant Daffodils, Hot cross buns that were bought fresh from the bakery on Good Friday morning and Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday after attending Sunday School.

When I had my own children I carried on this tradition. The children brought home Easter Cards that they had made in School, full of cotton wool sheep and Easter Bunnies

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aster Sunday for us then became a family day visiting Grandparents and an over indulgence of chocolate.

For me now one of the joys of Easter is the Passover meal shared with members of our congregation and learning the true meaning of this Jewish ritual commemorating the exodus from Egyptian slavery and as a reenactment of this story. It serves as a way to pass Jewish history and faith from one generation to the next and to experience the feeling of freedom.

Easter Sunday for me is a most joyous day with the resurrection of Jesus it brings hope and renewal for a fresh start and is a celebration of Light over the darkness of Good Friday.

The Service of the Light where the Priest lights the Paschal candle (the Easter candle) from the blessed fire on Easter Sunday (representing Christ rising from the dead ) and then walking into a darkened Church which is then lit by the candles the congregation have been given to be lit from the Paschal Candle has a profound effect on me going from the darkness into the light.

**GILL**

## *Easter Joy*

Jesus came to earth,  
to show us how to live,  
how to put others first,  
how to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
that God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
he made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
calling angels from above,  
but He chose to pay our price for sin;  
he paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
but the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn,  
that fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
like His, is just a rest,  
we'll be forever with Him  
in heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
think of Him in all we do,  
thank you Saviour, Thank you Lord,  
help us to love like you!

Author Unknown  
**Submitted by Jacqueline**

## EASTER QUOTES AND SAYINGS

Then Jesus told him, because you have seen me  
you have believed. Blessed are those  
who have not seen and yet have believed.

*John 20: 29*

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead,  
he cannot die again. Death no longer has mastery over him.

*Romans 6: 9*

Each night when I go to sleep, I die,  
and the next morning when I wake up I am reborn.

*Mahatma Gandhi*

T'was Easter Sunday. The full blossom on trees filled the air  
with Fragrance and "Joy "

*Henry Wordsworth Longfellow*

In your Easter Bonnet , with all the frills upon it, you'll be the  
granddest lady in the " Easter Parade "

*as sung by Bing Crosby in the film EASTER PARADE*

"Good Idea" finding the Easter Eggs on Easter. "Bad idea" Finding  
the Easter Eggs on Christmas.

*Jack Handy (American humorist)*

I still believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and True  
Love. Don't even try to tell me different.

*Dolly Parton.*

No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the power of Christ in  
me. From life's first cry to final breath.

Jesus commands my destiny.

*This is an extract from In Christ Alone. Written by Stuart Townsend*

**GILL**

**BIBLE QUIZ – March 2026**  
**ROGUES OF THE BIBLE,**  
*some of whom repented*

Here are 10 questions about rogues mentioned in the Bible:

1.	Jesus's betrayer. (Matthew Ch26v47-49)	
2.	A New Testament verdict on him says that he "loved the wages of doing wrong". (2 Peter Ch2v15)	
3.	He squandered his property in dissolute living. (Luke Ch15v13)	
4.	Jesus called him "that fox". (Luke Ch13v32)	
5.	A husband who fell down and died, having lied to the Apostles. (Acts Ch5v1-5)	
6.	He stole his brother's birthright. (Genesis Ch27v18-29)	
7.	She caused a strong man's hair to be shaved off. (Judges Ch16v18-19)	
8.	He said "It is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." (John Ch11v50)	
9.	A queen who "set about to destroy all the royal family". (2 Kings Ch11v1)	
10.	Her corpse shall be like dung on the field. (2 Kings Ch9v37)	

**Ian Beazley**

A Recipe for Easter.

### AROMATIC LAMB WITH DATES serves 4

(Courtesy Good Food Magazine)

#### INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp. olive oil,	2 tsp ground coriander,
1 onion finely chopped,	2 tsp ground cinnamon,
500g diced boneless lean lamb,	1 tbsp tomato puree,
preferably leg,	50g pitted dates,
300g sweet potatoes cut into small chunks,	2 tbsp coriander roughly chopped.

#### METHOD

Heat the oil in a large pan, add the onion and lamb, then fry until the lamb is lightly browned.

Add the sweet potatoes and spices to the pan, then mix well.

Pour in 425ml boiling water and add the tomato puree, then bring to the boil.

Cover and simmer for 15 mins until potatoes and lamb are tender adding the dates for the final 10 mins.

Sprinkle with coriander and serve with couscous.

**Gill**

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## SHARED

by Anne Stevenson

April at last, with me on my knees  
digging roots out of broken soil.

Why, when a robin hops by,  
freezes me with an eye  
and pulls a meal from my trowel,  
do I feel so honoured?

**Sent by Mary De Silva**

# TINNED PEACHES CAKE

Serve with plenty of custard. Serves 8  
(Courtesy of the Good Food Magazine)

## INGREDIENTS.

200ml vegetable oil, plus extra for tin,  
420g can of peaches in fruit juice, drained and juice reserved,  
150g caster sugar plus 2 tbsp,  
2 tsp vanilla extract,  
1 lemon zested and juiced,  
100g Greek yoghurt,  
2 eggs,  
250g self raising flour.

## METHOD

Heat oven to 180 / fan 160 / gas 4. Oil a deep 20cm cake tin.

Puree half the peaches in a blender.

Put oil, 150g sugar, vanilla, zest, yoghurt, eggs, and pureed peaches in a bowl, whisk until smooth.

Sift in flour and a pinch of salt, fold to combine.

Pour into tin and arrange remaining peaches on top.

Bake for 1 hr or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean.

Leave to cool in tin for 20 mins.

Meanwhile, heat peaches and lemon juice and 2 tbsp sugar in a pan, stirring often, until reduced by half. Transfer cake to a wire rack, brush with syrup.

Keep brushing with layers of syrup until all used.

When cake has cooled fully, slice into thick wedges and serve.

With lashings of custard or cream. " Pure indulgence "

**GILL**

# MINI EGG BROWNIES

*Nut-free Pregnancy-friendly, Vegetarian* By **Liberty Mendez**

## Ingredients

200g/7oz unsalted butter,  
cubed

200g/7oz dark chocolate,  
roughly chopped

3 free-range eggs

250g/9oz caster sugar

100g/3½oz plain flour

50g/1¾oz cocoa powder

240g/8½oz mini eggs, about  
half of them roughly chopped

pinch salt

## Method

Heat the oven to 180C/160C Fan and line a 20cm/8in square baking tin with parchment paper.

Put the butter and chocolate into a heat-proof bowl and melt either in short bursts in the microwave or suspended over a pan of simmering water (do not let the bottom of the bowl touch the water). Leave to cool slightly to room temperature.

Put the eggs and caster sugar into a large bowl (or the bowl of a stand mixer) and whisk using an electric whisk until light, pale and fluffy. While whisking, gradually pour in the chocolate mixture until combined.

Fold in the flour, cocoa powder, the chopped mini eggs and a pinch of salt.

Pour the brownie batter into the tin and spread out to make an even layer. Dot over the remaining mini eggs (you may want to roughly crack some of these for the look).

Bake for 25 minutes, or until cracked slightly on top and there is a little wobble in the middle. Leave to cool completely in the tin before slicing and serving.

*Recipe tips:* Be sure not to overbake these Easter brownies or they will be more cakey than fudgy.



**Lesley Clay**

# DEVONSHIRE CIDER BREAD

## Ingredients

350g mixed dried fruit,  
300mls sweet cider,  
300g self-raising flour

175g soft light brown sugar,  
50g chopped walnuts,  
2 eggs, beaten

## Method

Heat oven to 180c / 350F / Gas mark 4

Put dried fruit in a bowl & pour over the cider, cover & leave for 12 hours. Transfer to a pan & bring to the boil. Remove from the heat & leave to cool

Sieve flour into a bowl & stir in sugar & walnuts. Beat in the fruit mixture & eggs.

Put into a greased, lined 900g/2lb loaf tin \* bake for 30 minutes then reduce temp to 160C / 325F / Gas mark 3 & continue baking for for 45 minutes.

Cool on a wire rack

## Mary De Silva

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### Easter Joy

I'm sure that as a child I preferred Christmas but as an adult I prefer Easter & all it entails. Lent followed by Holy Week & then the explosion of Easter Sunday & the feeling of new beginnings along with Spring springing all around us.

The solemnity of Holy Week somehow speaks to the soul & allows us to contemplate, on a daily basis, what was happening to our Lord Jesus at the time. It's an emotional experience.

Then comes the Easter Sunday Mass & all is brightness, light & my favourite, the music!

Chocolate eggs shared & Easter bonnets exclaimed over, church friends greeting each other & enjoying each other's company.

## Mary De Silva

## The Joys of Easter in Jesus' Resurrection Appearances

AGNES: Dear Father, I know that at Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. My mum has been reading the Gospels with me and I realised that the risen Jesus appeared different times to different people. Why?

GOD: Dear Little Agnes, the resurrection appearances of Jesus hold a deeply symbolic meaning that illustrates the different ways he relates to his followers—offering comfort, addressing doubt, and commissioning his Church. Each appearance reveals a unique purpose, significance and mission of the risen Christ and his ongoing relationship with humanity.

AGNES: Thank you, Father, for explaining this to me. Could you please give me an example?

GOD: Of course, Agnes. His first Appearance, to Mary Magdalene, (John 20:11-18) epitomises Jesus' Personal & Loving Relationships: Jesus is Mary's personal Saviour. This highlights that the resurrection gives individuals a new, direct relationship with Jesus. It also honours Mary's devotion and marks the role of women as the first witnesses of the Gospel.

AGNES: Thank you, Father. What about the other appearances?

GOD: His Appearance to the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) assigns significance to the Scripture and the Eucharist: Jesus explains the Scriptures before revealing himself in the 'breaking of bread'. This symbolises Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and his mission in spreading the spiritual meaning of his passion and resurrection.

AGNES: Did Jesus appear to the Disciples again, after that time?

GOD: Yes, little Agnes, he appeared to them again in the Upper Room (John 20:19-23). That appearance symbolises Peace, Hope & Mission: He appears behind locked doors, saying "Peace be with you," and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. Sorrow, fear, and confusion are turned into joy and hope. This represents the reassurance of fear, the forgiveness of sins, and the commissioning of the Church to continue his work. However, Thomas was not there.

AGNES: Oh okay. Did Jesus ever appear to Thomas?

GOD: Yes, little Agnes, soon after that. His Appearance to Thomas the Disciple (John 20:24-29) gives meaning to Faith and Consistency: Jesus addresses doubt directly and patiently reveals himself to those who are

slow to believe, like Thomas, showing his divine mercy, demonstrating that that faith can be found even after doubt, and blessing those "who have not seen and yet have believed".

AGNES: I remember reading that Jesus also appeared by The Sea of Galilee?

GOD: Yes, little Agnes, that is correct. His Appearance to Seven Disciples by The Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-14) demonstrates Provision and Restoration: Jesus helps his followers to catch fish and shares a meal with them, showing his care for their physical needs. This symbolises his continued role as provider of his people, who feel restored in their faith in him as their good shepherd.

AGNES: On that note, Peter was the leader of the Church, right? Did Jesus ever appear to him alone?

GOD: Yes, little Agnes, he did. His Appearance to Peter (John 21:15-18) marks Peter's Reinstatement by embodying Forgiveness and Purpose: After Peter's threefold denial, Jesus asks him, "Do you love me?" three times, restoring him to leadership, by requesting him to "Feed my sheep". This signifies the power of mercy, which turns failures into pastoral care and service. After all these appearances and many others, Jesus ascended to Heaven, but later appeared to St. Paul.

AGNES: Oh, interesting. Why did he do that?

GOD: Because St. Paul was pivotal in the teaching of the Gospel and expansion of the Church. His Appearance to Paul on the Road of Damascus (Acts 9, 22, 26) records the Conversation of St. Paul and his Direct Commissioning, validating his Apostolic Authority, through his unwavering dedication in spreading the Christian faith to the Gentiles and the people of Israel, as specifically tasked by Jesus. This occurred after Jesus' Ascension.

AGNES: Oh okay. And what is the meaning of Jesus' Ascension?

GOD: His Ascension (Acts 1:3-11) symbolises the Shift to the Church Era: Jesus' final disappearance marks the end of his physical appearances on earth and his enthronement in heaven. It signifies that he is now present amongst humanity in a new way, through the Holy Spirit.

AGNES: That is all sounds so wonderful. Thank you, Father.

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**Candida Mulé**



Our thoughts are with the ordinary people of Iran, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, and the entire region.

These wars are not waged by entire peoples — they are waged by cowardly leaders who put their interests in power above our lives. Millions are left to survive the consequences of decisions they never made, decisions made by leaders who only speak the language of self-interest, violence and force.

**We are the majority — ordinary people who just want to live — and each and every one of us deserve leadership that chooses us over war.**



**Sent by Mary De Silva**

## YOUR MONTHLY GARDENING CHECKLIST

In April, UK gardeners can expect a busy month as nature awakens after winter. Here are some essential tasks to consider for your garden:

**Watering:** Increase the frequency of watering house plants as temperatures warm up. Check the soil before watering to ensure it's not too dry.

**Planting:** Start planting seedlings outdoors during the day and bring them back inside at night for a few days to prepare them for planting.

Sow carrots, beetroot, peas, and broad beans directly into the soil.

**Weed Control:** Remove weeds while they are still small and add mulch to keep them under control and retain moisture.

**Mowing:** Mow the lawn on a high setting to encourage a thicker, healthier turf. Mow weekly but leave a bit to grow wild to support wildlife.

**Fertilizing:** Boost your lawn's post-winter growth with a nitrogen-rich spring fertilizer.

These tasks will help set your garden up for the months ahead, ensuring a vibrant and healthy garden by the end of the month.

### FLOWERS

Sow **hardy annuals**, such as **love-in-a-mist** and **pot marigolds**, as well as native **wildflowers**, into gaps in borders

Enjoy instant colour by planting **primulas** and polyanthus in pots and at the front of borders

Protect the new shoots of **hostas**, **delphiniums**, **lupins** and other vulnerable plants from **slugs and snails**

Continue **deadheading** spring bulbs and bedding, so they don't waste energy setting seed

Plant **pineapple lily** (eucomis) bulbs in pots for exotic-looking summer flowers



Sow **sweet peas** at the base of supports, and transplant those sown in autumn into their final positions

Spray the new leaves of disease-prone **roses** with fungicide to control **mildew**, **rust** and **black spot**

Take **basal cuttings** from clumps of perennials, such as **delphiniums**, **campanulas** and **lupins**

**Prune hydrangeas**, cutting back the old stems to a healthy shoot lower down

**Lesley Clay**

# TOP 10 FACTS ABOUT EASTER EGGS!

## 10 egg-cellent facts about Easter Eggs...

Easter eggs have long been a traditional part of celebrating Easter. From dyeing them in vibrant colours to exchanging them as gifts, these festive treats have a long and interesting history. From their origins to the modern-day traditions.

1. Painting eggs comes from Ukraine!

Around Easter, painting eggs is a really fun activity to do.

Did you know that the activity comes from Ukraine?

They call their decorated eggs a 'pysanka' which means 'to write'.



2. The first ever Easter egg was invented in the UK!

We should be really proud as the first ever Easter egg was invented in the UK. It was made in Bristol in 1873 by Fry's, the chocolate company.

3. The world's biggest Easter egg was more than 34 feet tall.

According to Guinness World Records, the chocolate egg weighed 15,873 pounds. It was made in Cortenuova, Italy.

4. The most expensive chocolate egg sold for £7,000!

The expensive egg sold in London on 20th March 2012.

It was so expensive, it became the world record for the most expensive edible egg! The egg was decorated with gold leaf and white flowers.

It took three days to make!



5. Around 80 million Easter eggs are sold in the UK each year!

During Easter, lots of Easter eggs are given to family and friends to celebrate. That is a lot of chocolate!

6. In Germany, people dance with eggs.

The egg dance is an Easter tradition in Germany. People put eggs on the floor and dance around them, trying not to break any.

7. Creme Eggs were invented in 1923

Although Cadbury made their first chocolate eggs in 1875 it wasn't until 1923 that a creme filled egg was released. It didn't stick around for very long and



disappeared from shelves. Nearly 50 years later it was reintroduced and named Cadbury Creme Egg in 1971.

8. In Greece, Easter Eggs are red

In Greece, Easter Eggs are traditionally red in colour to represent Christ's blood.

9. Easter eggs make up 10% of annual chocolate spend in the U.K  
British people spend an average of £299 million on Easter egg chocolate every year.!

10. The average child in the UK eats around eight chocolate eggs for Easter. That's a lot of chocolate! Do you think you eat more or less than 8 chocolate eggs for Easter?



*Lesley Clay*

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## **PASTORAL SERVICES AT EDWARDS – MARCH 2026**

### **Funerals in Church**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Micheal Matthew Cousins**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

**Linnette Henry**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Alan Dennis**

### **Ashes Interment**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Brian Monk  
and Olga Monk

## WAIT ON THE LORD

A stress filled mind always makes it harder  
to hear what God's saying to you.  
So just wait in his presence.  
When the time is right  
he will give you clear direction.

*Psalm 27:14 Isaiah 40:31*

## STEP OUT IN FAITH.

The best thing about the future is that  
It is offered to you a day at a time.....  
though you may not know  
what the Future holds, you can calmly say,  
"I know who holds my future"

*Revelations 1-8 James 4:14-15*

## QUIET THINGS

Just quiet things – a serene stream,  
sweet scented dusk, the gentle rain,  
the hush before the  
morning bird first Sings  
– can all fill the soul with deep  
Contentment and peace.

*Isaiah:32:18*

**Lesley Clay**

## Church Events for the next 3 months.

Saturday 4th April, 10.30 am -12.30 pm

**Children's Easter workshop with Easter egg hunt.**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday Service

**Easter bonnet parade for Young & old, girls & boys.**

Saturday 30th May, 11am-3pm

**Plant sale outside the North Door**

together with sale of toys, games plus a range of books for all ages

Refreshments inside the church.

Saturday 27th June, 11am – 2pm

**Bric-A-Brac sale**

Outside the north door, Refreshments in church.

Saturday 25th July, 9 am -7 pm

**Possible coach trip to Hastings,**

Estimated Seat Cost £28.50

depending on 49 seats being taken

Please let us know as soon as possible so we can book the Coach.

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## WORSHIP AT ST EDWARDS

Sunday Early service 9 am this is also live streamed on Facebook.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is an All-age worship with Eucharist & music 10.30 am

Sunday main service 10.30 am Eucharist with music

Thursday Morning Service 9.30 am in the Chapel

**The next Sunday school will be  
on Sunday 26th April**

**St. EDWARD KING AND CONFESSOR CHURCH**  
New Addington

**April 2026 Worship Services**

**Sundays 9.00 am and 10.30 am, Thursdays 9.30 am**

Date	Readings	Reader	Intercessor
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 8pm <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Exodus 12:1-14	Lesley Clay	Fr. Prem
	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Les Preston	
	John 13:1-17,31-35	Celebrant	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Good Friday</b>	Isaiah 52.13—end of 53		
	Hebrews 10.16–25		
	John 18.1—end of 19	Celebrant	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	Acts 10:34-43	Kadiatu Fofanah	Kester O Connor
	Colossians 3:1-4	Mary De Silva	
	John 20:1-18	Celebrant	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	Luke 24.35-48	Celebrant	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 2:14,22-32	Julie Brooker	Lesley Clay
	1 Peter 1:3-9	Jacqueline Sanderson	
	John 20:19-end	Celebrant	
<b>Thursday 16 Apr.</b>	John 3.31-end	Celebrant	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 2:14, 36-41	Gill Gillam	Lesley Fordham
	1 Peter 1:17-23	Kester O Connor	
	Luke 24:13-35	Celebrant	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr.</b>	John 15.18-21	Celebrant	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 2:42-end	Lesley Clay	Mary De Silva
	1 Peter 2:19 – end	Kadiatu Fofanah	
	John 10:1-10	Celebrant	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	John 13.16-20	Celebrant	

## REGULAR EVENTS AT EDWARDS

### A WARM SOCIAL SPACE:

St Edwards will be open every Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm  
As a warm social space during these worrying times of rising energy and food prices: People are welcome to call in whenever they wish, and stay for as long as they like.

These will be tea/coffee and biscuits available all day, there are board games to play if you wish or just to read a book or chat.

**Please do come and join us and spread the word to anyone you think may like to come.**

### Singing for fun

An informal singing group every Thursday 3-4 pm in church, we sing all the old-time favourites accompanied by the piano and Fr Prem on the Guitar.

Everyone welcome.

### CAMEO

A group for retired folk who would like to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2-4 pm in the church hall for tea/coffee cake and a chat. Everyone welcome.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY**

**01 04 26**

This month we are celebrating Easter with a Cream Tea.  
Please let your friends know if you think they would like to join us.

# St. Ed's Together

Welcome to our March edition of our Parish Magazine from St Edward King and Confessor in New Addington.

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