

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma and violence and fear which
prevail in the lands of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.

We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and for all the
people of those lands.

And while we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment
of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour
as your children. For to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(The prayer above has been adapted by the Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopulos, from a
prayer by the Archbishop of Jerusalem)

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***We seek to grow through prayer and
share Christ's love through engagement with all.***

Weekly News

19th April 2026



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Followed by Refreshments in the Croft

Church Children meet in the Croft for singing and music-making

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

John Warren RIP. John's funeral takes place Wednesday 22nd at 12:00 noon.
Sue writes: "Thank you for all the lovely cards, flowers, and messages of
condolence on John's passing. The funeral will be a celebration of John's life,
and so please wear what you may feel is comfortable"

Avebury Vocal Ensemble Spring Concert: Saturday 25th April 7:00pm in
Church. Tickets £12.00 on the door or online, under 18s free. Please see our
website for more details.

**Come and hear how God is at work in one of the poorest
communities in South Africa:** A presentation by Pastor Leonard of Medic
Assist International, in the Church Hall, Sunday 26th April at 4:30pm. Again,
please see our website for more details.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Monday 27th April 7:00pm in the
Church Hall. This is your chance to come and find out what we have been up
to over the last 12 months, and a chance to look ahead and see what we might
like to do in the future. Our Churchwardens, Parochial Church Council (PCC)
& Deanery Synod members are all elected at this meeting – so please consider
whether you would like to come on to the PCC this time round. All are
welcome to attend – and those on the Electoral Roll get to vote.

Response to Psalm 116



Sunday 19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3.14-end (Sorry no space this week)

SECOND READING: Acts 2.14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24.13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood

still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.