



## Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Graham Tanner**, **Bill McDowell** (funeral on 22<sup>nd</sup> May), **Bryan Fellick**, **Mary Austin** and **Lorne Campbell** (funeral at WT 1230pm 13<sup>th</sup> April)

...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur**, **Debbie Matthias**, **Jeanine Stewart**, **Lawrence Nash**, **Mavis Eastwood**, **Michelle Harden**, **Nick Turner**, **Pam Farquharson**, **Rae Tugwell** (in hospital), **Richard** (Liz Holton's brother) & **Simon Bell**

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 this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	<i>Thomas sees and believes.</i>
Monday	Genesis 32:22-32	<i>Jacob wrestles with God.</i>
Tuesday	Judges 6:36-40	<i>Gideon and the fleece.</i>
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	<i>We live by faith, not by sight.</i>
Thursday	Hebrews 10:35 – 11:1	<i>The nature of faith.</i>
Friday	1 Peter 2:21-25	<i>Healed by his wounds.</i>
Saturday	Isaiah 33:5-6,20-24	<i>Look upon Zion.</i>
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	<i>On the road to Emmaus</i>

**A Morning Prayer:** Risen Lord Jesus, please give us the Holy Spirit.

Lead us to share your good news of forgiveness with others. Amen. (John 20:22)

**An Evening Prayer:** Lord Jesus, bless us with faith in you. Help us to find our way through our doubts. Amen. (John 20:27-29)

**A Blessing to Give:** May the Risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your fears with boldness, and your sadness with joy. Amen.

### Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter

Exodus 14:10-end,15:20,21; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9. Acts 2:14a,22-32; John 20:19-end  
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# Thorngate & Blackwater

## BENEFICE

## News & Notices 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April



"The Risen Lord" by artist He Q i(2013)

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter

- 8am Communion (BCP) in West Tytherley
- From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)
- 9am Communion (BCP) in East Dean
- 9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow
- 9.30am Short but Sweet at East Tytherley
- 1030am Eucharist in Lockerley
- 11am Morning Prayer in Sherfield English
- 9pm Online Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

12 <sup>th</sup> April – 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter		
Exodus 14:10-end,15:20,21 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9 Acts 2:14a,22-32;	John 20:19-end
The Israelites are pursued to the edge of the Red Sea. They are afraid that they will die in the wilderness, but God parts the Red Sea so that they can cross on dry ground. The waters return as the Egyptians try to cross, and they are drowned. Miriam sings a song of thanksgiving.	<b>1 Peter 1:3-9</b> Peter praises God for the gift of new birth and the hope of the resurrection. His readers have had to suffer trials and although they have not seen Jesus, they are receiving salvation as the outcome of their faith. <b>Acts 2:14a. 22-32</b> Peter addresses the crowds, explaining that death could not hold Jesus in its power. He quotes the words of David, which, though written long before, concern Jesus.	Jesus appears to the disciples, who are hiding in a locked room. He gives them his peace and they receive the Holy Spirit as he breathes on them. A week later Jesus stands among them again. Thomas, who was not present the first time, asks for proof. Jesus tells him that those who believe without seeing are blessed.

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

**Monday to Saturday**

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

9am Eucharist in Lockerley

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

6.30pm Annual Church Meetings in Wellow Church Rooms

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter**

8am Communion (BCP) in East Dean

From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

9am Eucharist in West Tytherley

9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow

1030am Celebration Service in Lockerley

11am Family Service in Sherfield English

9pm Online Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)



	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>East Dean</b>	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion
<b>East Tytherley</b>	-	-	9.30am Short but Sweet	-
<b>Lockerley</b>	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration Service
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service
<b>West Tytherley</b>	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist
<b>Wellow</b>	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist

**Charity of the Month - Youth in Romsey - April 2026**

Youth in Romsey is a support centre based next to the Romsey Rapids for all young people aged between 6-25 years. A charity organisation that has been running since early 2000 and is made up of predominantly volunteers and professionals who give their time to help the young people of Romsey and its surrounding areas. The aim is to support young people when they need it most and according to their needs, to explore issues affecting their lives, to solve problems and to help them make informed decisions.

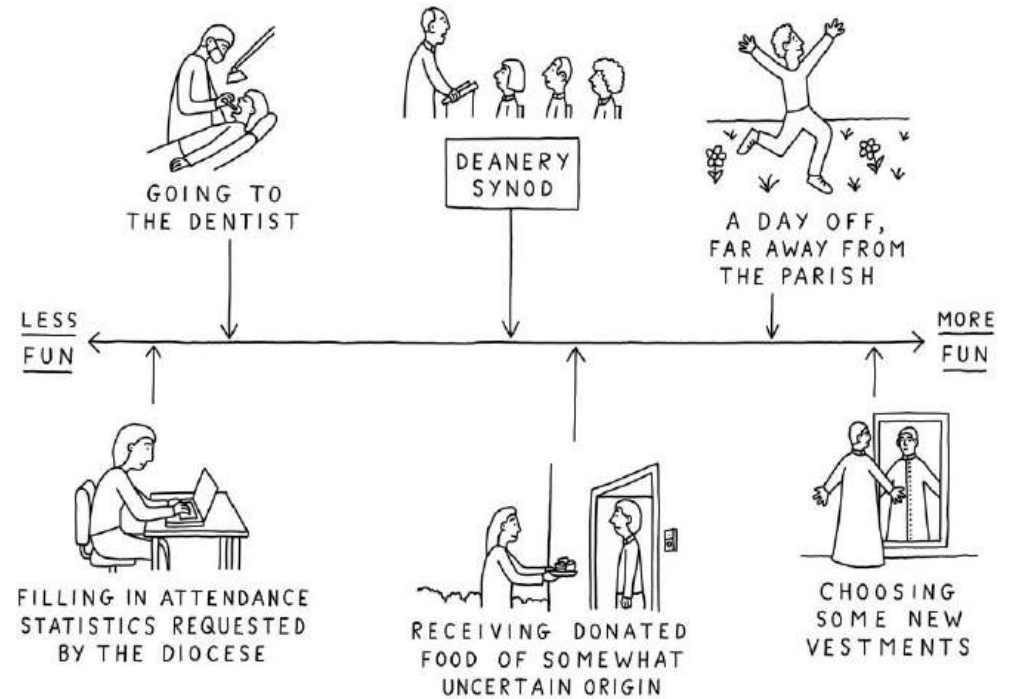


More details from [www.yir.org.uk](http://www.yir.org.uk)

(Collection Baskets in Churches or send donations to the Vicar at Crispins, Lockerley)

**VARIOUS ACTIVITIES**

HOW THEY COMPARE TO DEANERY SYNOD



**Elections to Romsey Deanery Synod**

At our Annual Meetings we will be electing members of Deanery Synod (who also have a place on the PCC). Please consider if this is something you would like to do.

What does it mean to be a member of Romsey Deanery Synod 2026-2029? In the Church of England and other Anglican churches, a Deanery Synod is a synod convened by the *Rural Dean* (or *Area Dean*) and/or the Joint Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, who is elected by the elected lay members. It consists of all clergy licensed to a benefice within the deanery, plus elected lay members. It acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish in its deanery and the synod of the diocese as a whole. In England its lay members also elect the deanery's lay representatives to its diocese's synod every three years (next in 2027) and its diocese's members of the House of Laity in the General Synod of the Church of England, every five years by a system of Single Transferable Vote (in 2026).

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