

# The parish of St André de la Pommeraye

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## Newsletter for Easter Day, 5 April 2026

The Rector writes ...



Happy Easter! After the long and emotionally exhausting weeks of Lent, it is a great joy to come at last to Easter. The beautiful flowers inside church echo the very welcome sunshine outside as we gather to proclaim,

**Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The crowd that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday turned against him in just five short days, as they shouted 'Crucify him' in answer to the question from Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor.

Holy Week went wrong, and the crowds turned on Jesus, in part because people were disappointed that Jesus did not deliver *what they wanted in the way they wanted*.

But throughout Holy Week, and especially on Good Friday, Jesus is anything but a passive victim. Jesus is in control. His great cry from the cross, 'It is accomplished', may have seemed perverse to those who heard it. But it makes sense when Jesus' friends find the empty tomb on Easter Day and discover life and hope beyond their imagining.

Even in the midst of turmoil, the hope that is born on Easter Day continues to sustain me. Jesus offers that hope freely to all of us. I pray that you may find live-giving hope in the good news of Easter.



Sadly, the Bishop of Salisbury was unwell earlier this week, and could not come to Guernsey for the **Chrism Eucharist** last Monday. However, the service went ahead. The picture shows the clergy and licensed lay ministers from the Deanery who gathered at St Andrew's church.

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It is a joy to be invited to baptise Francis Robert Connor at 12 noon on Easter Day.

### This week

Sunday 5 April

#### Easter Day

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion
12 noon	Baptism

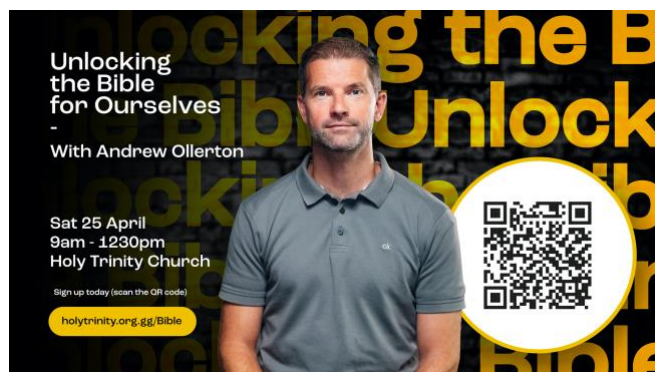
Thursday 9 April	7.00 pm	Institution and induction of the Revd Dr Adrian Datta as Rector of Forest
Friday 10 April	11.00 am	Funeral of Marguerite Leahy
Sunday 12 April	<b>Easter 2</b>	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Holy Communion



Holy Communion, and laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Wednesday at 10.30 am at the **Monnaie Chapel**. The Monnaie Chapel is a remarkable place – accessed off the Rue du Monnaie (halfway up the road, on the left, when approaching from Les Poidevins).

### Around the island ...

**Unlocking the Bible for ourselves** - with over 5 billion copies sold, no other book is as timelessly relevant to our lives as the Bible. Yet unpacking the depths of wisdom in its pages can be challenging and overwhelming.



That's why we are delighted to welcome Dr Andrew Ollerton from the Bible Society to Guernsey to lead a morning focused on unlocking the Bible - helping us to make sense of it, read it and apply it to our lives in practical ways. This event will be at Trinity Church on **Saturday 25 April** from 9 am to 12.30 pm. For more details and to sign up please go to [www.holytrinity.org.gg](http://www.holytrinity.org.gg)

### Prayers for the week

*A prayer for the week:*

God of glory,  
 by the raising of your Son  
 you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
 fill your Church with faith and hope;  
 for a new day has dawned  
 and the way to life stands open  
 in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please pray

- that we may make time to enjoy the good news of Easter, that Jesus is risen and want us to enjoy the new life he gives us;
- for Christians who cannot celebrate Easter openly, for fear of persecution;
- for those who are on holiday, that they may enjoy their time of recreation and return renewed and refreshed;
- for the people of Iran and the surrounding countries and for an end to the war and violence;
- for the people of Ukraine, as the conflict in that land continues, overshadowed by the war in the Middle East.

We pray

- in the **Guernsey churches prayer cycle**, that, with our fellow Christians in Guernsey, we may rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, and all that means for us;

- for all who live in the **parish of St Andrew** and for our church community, and for our constables and douzeniers;
- for those for whom our prayers have been requested:
  - Dennis Parton, Mike O’Hara, David Harvey, and Godfray Guilbert;
  - church members: Cathy Belcher, and Audrey Gollop;
  - friends and family: Emma, Jean Walsh, Stina Holmes, Elisa, Pauline, George Maiden, Georgina, David, Fletch O’Hara, and Chris and Diane Lesbirel;
- for those who have died, amongst them Marguerite Leahy and Graham Cowley.



### Finally ...

Many thanks to all who have prepared for the Easter service, and especially to Caley Allen, Clare Parkinson, Janet Iles, Pauline Lund, Ruth Rich, Sue Torode, Sue Whalley, and Susie Sampson, who have decorated the church so beautifully; to Sharon Harvey for preparing the Easter garden; and to John Le Pelley, for playing the organ at the 10 am service on Easter Day.

With my prayers and best wishes,

*Tim*

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### Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
 who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
 overcame the old order of sin and death  
 to make all things new in him:  
 grant that we, being dead to sin  
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
 may reign with him in glory;  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
 be praise and honour, glory and might,  
 now and in all eternity.

### Hymns and liturgy at 10 am

Gloria            3 (Tune, Evelyns, 593ii)  
 Creed            1 (Said)  
 Sanctus, etc    Sung to the usual setting

1	205	Jesus Christ is risen today	Tune: Easter Hymn
2	212	Now the green blade rises	Tune: Noel Nouvelet
3	209	Love's redeeming work is done	Tune: Savannah
4	208	Light's glittering morn	Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

### Readings

#### **New Testament reading: the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10 verses 34-43**

Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the

message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'



### **Gospel: St John chapter 20 verses 1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.