



Parishes of

Alfrick-w-Lulsley; Crown East, Rushwick; Suckley;
Leigh & Bransford; Lower Teme Valley; Martley and
Wichenford

Pew Sheet for 26th April 2026

Sunday 26th April Easter 4

9.00 am Common Worship Holy Communion Alfrick
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Martley
10.30 am Morning Worship Broadwas
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Crown East

Sunday 3rd May Easter 5

9.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Cotheridge
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Leigh
10.30am Common Worship Holy Communion Martley
10.30 am Worship for all Broadwas
4.00 pm Informal Suckley
6.00 pm Evensong Alfrick

Sunday 10th May Easter 6

9.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) Bransford
11.00 am Rogation Service Wichenford
10.30 am Morning Worship Crown East
3.00 pm Evening Worship Knightwick

Sunday 17th May Easter 7

9.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Alfrick
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Suckley
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Broadwas
10.00 am Café Church Martley
6.00 pm Leigh Evensong

Collect for Easter 4

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for Easter 4

Acts 2.42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.19-25, John 10.1-10

Crafty Church—A date for your diary

The next Crafty Church session will be at St Mary Magdalene Church in Broadwas on the 29th April at 3.30pm

The Dates of this Years APCMs

Wichenford – Monday 27th April

Martley – Sunday 17th May

Weekday APCMs will start at 7.00 pm

Sunday APCMs at 11.45 am, after the 10.30 am service

Waiting for Hope by Andy Todd, Diocesan Secretary

In Samuel Beckett's 1956 play, *Waiting for Godot*, two characters spend the entire time waiting for the arrival of a mysterious character called Godot who will sort out all their problems - but who never comes. It's an unsettling read, like watching life on 'pause': "Nothing happens, nobody comes, nobody goes, it's awful." (Beckett's words – not mine!) What keeps the characters waiting? Is it hope?

I often hear people saying that they despair at what is reported in the News. Understandably, they talk of the need in contemporary society for hope. But all too often what passes for 'hope' seems more like the lame wishful-thinking of the characters in Beckett's play – a vague optimism that something better is around the corner. That kind of thinking can simply lead to a passive acceptance of things as they are – ironically, not unlike despair.

But throughout history, true hope has been a consistent force for transformation. As the American writer Dale Carnegie recognized, “Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying where there seemed to be no hope at all.” That is hope in action. Hope energises as well as bringing comfort.

For Christians, Easter is the focal point for all true hope: in the Easter story, out of the terrible wrong of the torture and murder of an innocent man, God brings good. Our hope is based, not on some vague belief that things will turn out alright in the end, nor in the longed-for arrival of some elusive “Godot” figure, but on the confidence that, in Christ, God has revealed Himself to be utterly, eternally ‘for’ us. Because of that, we can know that no situation is ever too far gone, nothing is beyond redemption. Even the challenges of global proportion. Even the brokenness of our own lives.

Although Easter Day is now behind us, the Church continues for these weeks to celebrate Easter Season, reminding us that we are and will always be Easter people. There is an urgent need for us as Easter people to tell stories of real hope – stories to energise and sustain our communities. So, whatever stories you tell in this Season, may many of them be hopeful ones!

Opening times of church buildings for private prayer

Crown East - Everyday 9am – 5pm

Suckley– Open 10am to 5pm Weds, Sat and Sun in term time, and daily in the holidays

Alfrick - Everyday

Leigh - Everyday 10am - 6pm (from 30th March—4pm till then)

Broadwas - Everyday 11am—5pm

Cotheridge - Everyday 9am - 5pm

Wichenford Everyday 10am—4pm

Martley - Everyday

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