ST MARY'S
CUDDINGTON

Pew Sheet for 19th April 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's service

3rd Sunday after Easter

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

Collect:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymns:

CP250	All Creatures of our God and King
CP393	Brother, Sister, Let me serve you
CP278	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
EWS157	Such Love
EWS10	Guide me, O thou great redeemer
CP612	We have a Gospel to Proclaim

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings

1 Peter 1; 17-23

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24; 13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them 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 recognising 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?" He 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 him." 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 recognised him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us[f] 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.

Post-communion prayer:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

THURSDAY 16th APRIL - AFTERNOON GROUP meet at 2.30pm in the Hall. Joshua, our vicar plans talk about his fascinating life and the many places in which he has worked. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

SATURDAY 18th APRIL - WOMEN'S GROUP guest speaker is David Rymill who will talk to us about his work as archivist for Highclere Castle. Coffee and cake at 10am and finish by 12 noon, so do come and join us for a very interesting talk.

SUNDAY 19th APRIL - 9.30am - Interviewing Street Pastors

SUNDAY 19th APRIL - 6pm a special evening for young people +Adults in the Hall with music by Dan and Stephen and a talk on rare birds in our area by Kim Spicket - All are invited and invite a young person for this special gathering.

SUNDAY 3rd MAY - 9.30 am USPG Director for Mission - Canon Revd Dr Peniel Rufus R - will speak about the United Society for Promoting Gospel – Church of England Mission agency around the world.

THURSDAY 14th MAY - 8.00pm Ascension Day Service

SATURDAY 16th MAY - PUB SINGALONG EVENING in the Church Hall.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY - ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS will be held after 9.30am service. During this, elections will take place for PCC members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, or you can think of someone who would be a perfect fit for them, there are nomination forms at the back of the Church, with a box for completed forms. Two Baptisms after the APCM.

SUNDAY 07TH JUNE – 9.30 AM FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE led by Children and young people