

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!



Risen Lord Jesus, in the quiet joy of this Easter morning, fill our hearts with the light of your resurrection. Where we are weary, bring renewal; where we are anxious, breathe peace; where we feel alone, remind us that your risen life holds us close. Bless St Mary's, our worship, our friendships, and our service to this community. Make us people of hope, carrying your love into every place we go. May his risen life guide us today and always. Amen.

Lord Jesus, in this Easter season of renewed life, shine your healing light upon all who are sick or in pain. Surround them with your peace, strengthen those who care for them, and let your resurrection hope lift every weary heart. May they know your presence today. Amen. Especially we think of:

**SALLY NAISH - ALAN WOOLSTON - ELEANOR BROOKS -
HILARY ABRAHAMS - DIANA HEATHER - ANN BARTLETT -
BARBARA JARVIS - SARAH WILLIS - MARK MARKCOONS
- JO WATKINS - MARTYN DILLEY - SUZANNE MILLER -
SUE & EMMA KINKEAD.** Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for the sake of us and other sinners too – God so loved the world. Through our lives and through your power Christ the Lord is risen today:
Alleluia!



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Easter Day

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Parish Communion**

COLLECT for Easter Sunday

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.

HYMNS: 76 Christ the Lord is Risen today, **435** Lord Jesus Christ, **1105** See, what a morning (on Pew Sheet) (Offertory Hymn), **689** Thine be the Glory.

READINGS: Acts 10: 34-43, (p.126), Matthew 28: 1-10 (p.32)

THIS WEEK

9.15am **Morning Prayers** – Zoom Tues (link from the office),
in church, **Tues 9.15am, Sat 10am**
10am-12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space** every weekday
8th April Wed 12.30-3pm Meetings Room & church open as a
Welcome Space (takes place weekly)
9th April Thurs **Craft Group** 10.30am – 12.30pm in Meeting
Room
11th April Sat **Bell Ringing Workshop** - 11am to 3pm

Next Sunday: 12 April - Second Sunday of Easter

**8am Holy Communion
10:30am Parish Communion
Sunbeams Session (for ages 3-6)**

During Holy Week



there will be a few images displayed on the walls of the Church to help us think about the Bible narrative of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Do take time to pop into the Church to sit and reflect.



Prayer Festival – St Benedict's Centre is hosting a Prayer Festival on Saturday, 30 May from 10am to 4pm at West Malling. Scan the QR code to book or [click here](#) for a link.

Blaze Team If you would like to **join the Blaze Team**, on the **2nd Sunday of the month**, leading our 6-10 year old group – please let Rev Amanda or Rev Tim know.

Safeguarding - we are circulating a **short questionnaire** about Safeguarding. Responses will help us ensure St Mary's remains a safe, respectful and protected environment for everyone. Please put completed forms in the safeguarding box at the back of Church. If you have any questions please speak to Rev Amanda or Clare Scriven.

Youth Worker - following our **Community Survey** and discussions at church we are hoping to appoint a **Youth Worker**. To **be part of the team** discerning this role, speak to Rev Amanda.

Easter service at Pittsmead Grange - there will be a service at 2:30pm on Tuesday 7th April. It is always great to have friends from St Mary's joining residents for this service. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Rev Tim.



Flowers - There will be a **Collection Tin** at the back of the Church throughout Easter weekend for those that would like to contribute toward the Easter Flowers in the church.

1105 See, what a morning

**1 See, what a morning,
gloriously bright,**
with the dawning of hope in
Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes,
tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is
risen!
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain,
paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen
from the dead!

2 See Mary weeping,
'Where is He laid?
as in sorrow she turns
from the empty tomb
hears a voice speaking,
calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord
raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope,
bringing peace to use,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

3 One with the Father,
Ancient of days,
Through the Spirit, who
clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory
and praise
To the King crowned with
power and authority!
And we are raised with
him,
Death is dead, love has
won, Christ has
conquered;
And we shall reign with
Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen
from the dead!