



Parishes of

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

Pew Sheet for 12th April 2026

Sunday 12th April Easter 2

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

Sunday 19th April Easter 3

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 Evensong Leigh

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
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Martley
10.30 am Worship for all Broadwas
4.00 pm Informal Suckley
6.00 pm Evensong Alfrick

Collect for Easter 2

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Readings for Easter 2

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21, Acts 2.14a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

Cuppa and Chat in Rushwick

The monthly get together for a cuppa and a chat at Rushwick Village Hall run by St Thomas, Crown East. The next one is Monday 13th April from 10.30am, all welcome.

The Dates of this Years APCMs

Alfrick-w-Lulsley - Monday 20th April

Lower Teme Valley – Tuesday 21st April

Suckley – Wednesday 22nd April

Leigh & Bransford – Thursday 23rd April

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

Could your parish benefit from the Healthier Churches Fund?

The Healthier Churches Fund was created using money which has been freed up from investments alongside some Lowest Income Communities funding from the National Church. Parishes can apply for funding for projects to help make a difference in reaching out in their community and bring more people to faith.

For more information see here:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/could-your-parish-benefit-from-the-healthier-churches-fund.php>

Bishop Hugh's Easter Message

Let's be clear; people who have been crucified do not come back to life.

The first followers of Jesus in the first century knew it and we know it now. When someone is crucified, that is definitely the end. But the heart of the Christian faith; the living, beating heart of what Christians believe, is that Jesus Christ - a human being like you and me, was crucified, died and then rose again.

And that impossible truth, that Jesus rose from the dead, marks the moment when the usual pattern of things - life followed by death - was turned upside down. And from that reversal of what's normal, flow other truths that turn the world upside down.

For instance, it looks 'normal' that powerful people who are in charge get to have the final word - but all the power of the Roman Empire didn't manage to keep Jesus dead. Or it's normal to think that punishment is the right response to injustice and wrongdoing - but the risen Jesus didn't seek out those who had failed him and nailed him to a cross. Instead, when he meets people, he forgives them and gives them back their dignity.

Or it seems normal that suffering, sin and evil always have the loudest voice in our world - but Jesus' resurrection promises that their power has been defeated and that there are more important voices at work. The voices of hope, generosity and courage, for instance. In a world in which violence, injustice and suffering seem so normal, the resurrection opens the door to a new normal and to an alternative pattern of life. Easter tells us that the horrors of war in Ukraine, unimaginable suffering in the Middle East and poverty in our own communities, are not normal and never will be. Easter cries out that homelessness and mental illness are not inevitable and never will be. Easter promises us that hope, forgiveness and mercy are available - that they are the normal that God longs to see.

The risen Jesus says - 'I have turned what you thought 'normal' upside down and started a revolution of hope. Join me and let's build a new 'normal'.'

I pray that you will know the new 'upside down normal' in your own lives and in your communities and that, seeing the revolution of hope at work, you'll join in.

Happy Easter and God bless

Bishop Hugh

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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For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' you will continue to find worship through our youtube [wvrtlive1](#)

Other information can be found on individual church pages on A Church Near You and our Facebook pages www.facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam www.facebook.com/suckleychurch