

The parish of St André de la Pommeraye

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Newsletter for Easter 4, 26 April 2026

The Rector writes ...



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

An early start on Saturday morning, to lead the annual commemoration of Anzac Day at Fort George.

After Britain had declared war in August 1914. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand ('Anzac') soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, and an ally of Germany.

In the darkness, before dawn, on 25 April 1915, the Anzacs stormed ashore in a place which has become known as Anzac Cove at Gallipoli.

They met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a

bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign.

The consequences of the losses on 25 April 1915 left a great impact on both Australia and New Zealand. Marking Anzac Day helped distressed communities make sense of the First World War's terrible toll.

Sunday 3 May

Next Sunday will be different! We have been invited to host the annual service for the **Guernsey Literary Festival** at St Andrew's church. The preacher will be the Festival's Honorary Chairman, Sir Terry Waite. **Please note that, on Sunday 3 May only, the service will begin at 10.30 am.**

This week

Sunday 26 April	Easter 4	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 May	Easter 5	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Guernsey Literary Festival service (Please note later starting time)

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).



Prayers for the week

A prayer for the week:

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.

Please pray

- for all who write, publish and distribute books;
- for those who are denied access to books and other literature;
- for the people of Iran and the surrounding countries and for an end to the war;
- for the people of Ukraine, as the conflict in that land continues.

We pray

- in the **Guernsey churches prayer cycle**, for Maison de Quetteville & Maison L'Aumone (Methodist residential homes)
- 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.

Finally ...

We will hold our annual congregational meeting as soon as the independent examiners have completed their scrutiny the church's accounts for 2025.

Many thanks to Janet Iles for producing the rota for May.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Tim

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



At the 1000 service

Gloria 3 (Tune, Evelyns, 593ii)
Creed 4 (Tune, ??)
Sanctus, etc Sung to the usual setting

Hymns at 1000

1	208	Light's glittering morn	Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen
2	777	Sing of the Lord's goodness	Tune: Sing of the Lord's Goodness
3	211	Now is eternal life	Tune: Christchurch
4	217	The strife is o'er	Tune: Victory

Readings

New Testament reading: the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2 verses 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel: John chapter 10 verses 1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.