ST MARY'S
CUDDINGTON

Pew Sheet for 26th April 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's service

4th Sunday after Easter

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

Collect:

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.

Hymns:

CP589	The King of Love my Shepherd is
CP148	Jesus Lives
CP594	The Lord's my Shepherd
CP287	Broken for me, Broken for you
CP311	Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

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 2; 19-end

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10; 1-10

“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.

Post-communion prayer:

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.

Each Sunday, after the 9:30 am service, someone is available in St Mary's Chapel to listen and pray with you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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. Tickets are now available at £10 each, to include a glass of wine, beer or soft drink.

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 17th May – Baptisms after Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings.

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE - 9.30 AM FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNION SERVICE led by Children and young people

Sunday 14th June – 9.30 am Vocation Sunday – Special speaker Mr Craig Holmes, DDO of the Diocese of Guildford