



WELCOME

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EASTER SUNDAY

5th April 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

90 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Before the Gospel

310 In Christ Alone

Offertory

30 Amazing Grace

Communion

67 Blessed Assurance

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

125 Crown Him with many Crowns



WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

COLLECT

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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason, Don; all who are unwell; for those who have recently died, including Loretta Nwando (Mama Edith's sister) Carole P. who worked at St Michael's school for many years and all who mourn them, including Carole's daughter, Sara-Jane.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER & OUTREACH GROUP

There is a prayer meeting at the church on the **first Tuesday of every month** at 10:30. The next one will be **Tuesday 7 April 2026** at 10:30.



ST GEORGE'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

You're invited to join St George's in celebrating their patronal festival on **26 April**. After the service there will be a quiz and shared lunch. Please contact St George's if you will be coming for numbers.



APCM – 12 MAY 2026

Please note the date for this year's APCM which will be at St George's.



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We're so grateful for the presence of children in our worship. Our hybrid Lady Chapel is available as a sensory space for children with additional needs and can also be used by parents / carers with babies & toddlers. For school age children, a colouring table is provided at the back of church. They can also use the chapel before and after the service. To work well for everyone, parents/carers are asked to stay with their children in the chapel after the collect and return after intercessions, or keep an eye on their child at the colouring table, ensuring noise is a minimum especially during the sermon and intercessions. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 April

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Tuesday 7 April

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Hall: 18:30 – 20:00 - Pilates

Wednesday 8 April

Online: 18:00 - Bible study

Friday 10 April

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

Saturday 11 April

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 12 April

Church: 10:00 – Holy Communion

Hall: 11:30 - 15:00 - Apostolic Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22 April

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Sunday 26 April

St George's: 10:00 – Patronal Festival followed by Bring & Share lunch

Tuesday 5 May

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Wednesday 6 May

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Tuesday 12 May

St George's: 19:30 - APCM

The New Testament reading is from: **Acts 10: 34 - 43**

³⁴ Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. ³⁵ In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ “And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. ⁴³ He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel reading is from **John 20: 1 - 18***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹ for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home.

¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognise him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

¹⁶ “Mary!” Jesus said.

She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).

¹⁷ “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.