



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



Sunday 26th April, 4th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:42-end; John 10:1-10 Everybody's welcome.

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill: Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whichever church you consider 'yours', whatever life is like for you and regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you will be welcome at any service in the Benefice.

Day	Time	Church diary this week
Tues – Sat	9.00 – 9.30am	Morning Prayer (Westerham) in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
Tuesday	10am – 12 noon 3.30pm 7.45pm	Coffee Time at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship Benefice Pastoral Care Team meeting in the JFR in Westerham Bellringing practice
Wednesday	10am 10am – 12 noon	Midweek Communion (Westerham): a said service. Jigsaw Group at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	11am 7.00pm	Burial of ashes (Westerham) Choir practice in the John Fryth Room

Sunday 3rd May, 5th of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-end; John 14:1-14. Everybody's welcome

8.00am, Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at Crockham Hill: a spoken service using the beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer

10.00am, Family Service at Crockham Hill: a service of hymns and readings with an all-age talk. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

6.00pm, Choral Evensong at Westerham: a quiet, reflective service with choral music and hymns, the perfect way to end the weekend.



The **Edenbridge Foodbank** has low stocks of chopped tomatoes, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tinned pasta, cereals (no oats please!), pulses (tinned chickpeas, lentils, white beans, etc), long-life milk, coffee, tea and biscuits. Thank you for your continued support – it is really appreciated.

Bereavement Café: 2pm - 4pm at Bridges Centre in Edenbridge on the third Monday of the month.

Wednesday 13th May, at 7.30pm, Westerham Town Council (including Crockham Hill Ward), Annual Town Meeting. If you have questions, it would help if you could send them in in advance to office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

It's Your Calling: The next day for exploring how God is calling you is on **Saturday 16th May, 9.30am to 3.30pm at Christ Church, Orpington.** God's people are a pilgrim people, and we are all called to be on the move, spiritually and in vocation. Now is the perfect moment to spend some time with others, asking God to show us what new thing he is calling us to. **Please speak to Revd Dave if you think this might be for you.**

Saturday 30th May, 10am to 4pm, A Prayer Festival at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. Please see posters for details

Things you may not know about the organ at Westerham. For a long time, it's been believed that our historic organ was built for Wymondham Abbey in Norfolk and later transferred to Westerham. Well, in fact the organ was commissioned by Colonel Warde of Squerryes for St Mary's and built by the renowned firm of T C Lewis: our Director of Music's research has revealed that it was inaugurated on 25th April 1871 with morning and evening choral services and a lunchtime recital. A very special organ.

A postscript on the performance of Stainer's *Crucifixion* on Holy Saturday. Did you know that three generations of the same family sang in that performance? Oliver, the magnificent bass soloist; his mother Sarah, sidesperson and stalwart of 2nd Sunday services, and Carol, his grandmother - regular member of the choir. Our musical Davies family!

Crockham Hill Volunteers: If anyone would be interested in joining the rota for sidespeople and/or intercessors, please contact Carole on 0790 5234023 for more information. Thank you.

Stamps: We know that Christmas is over but for any of you that do still receive post, please do remember to save the used stamps. These can be left in the envelope at the back of church, or there is a collection box in the Reception of Crockham Hill School. Many thanks.

Home Library Service: If getting to the library is difficult for you or for someone you know to be housebound, there is a service running through Edenbridge Library where books can be brought out to you. It is free, friendly and tailored to your reading tastes. For more information in the first instance please contact Carole Feakes on 07905 234023 or c.feakes@mynon.co.uk

Lost property: a bracelet was found at Westerham after the Easter weekend. If this is yours, please contact the Benefice Office.



Celebrate new life this Eastertide and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient, often air-mile ridden supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open). For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant, so can be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

A Prayer for Peace: God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, the Middle East and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold, protect and provide for them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

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