



# The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 5th of Easter

**Today's Communion Readings:** Acts 7:55-end; John 14:1-14.

**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.

**Readings:** 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 14:1-14

**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.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to 4pm: Tower Climb** – 30-minute guided tour of St Mary's belfry and clock chamber. Tours in groups of four every 15 minutes. Adults £5, children under 16 £2.50. **Pre-booking essential** - see poster for QR code.

*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
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Benefice Office closed</b>
<b>Tues – Sat</b>	9.00 – 9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer (Westerham)</b> in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am – 12 noon 7.45pm	<b>Coffee Time</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship <b>Bellringing practice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am 10am – 12 noon	<b>Midweek Communion (Westerham):</b> a said service. <b>Jigsaw Group</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00pm	<b>Choir practice</b> in the John Fryth Room
<b>Friday</b>	4.00pm	<b>Burial of ashes (Westerham)</b>

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 6th of Easter**

**Communion Readings:** Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21.

**8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham:** a said service

**10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill:** a relaxed, welcoming service in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

**10.30am, 2nd Sunday at Westerham:** our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with refreshments available throughout as we think about what is meant by '*The Bread of Life.*'

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## **Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May at 10am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill**

***It's Your Calling:*** The next day for exploring how God is calling you is on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 poster 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 Davis 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.



**Exciting Eco Church news this week!** Sevenoaks District Council is launching separate, weekly food waste collections from Monday 27th April 2026, for most households, with dedicated caddies delivered by 24th April. A provided leaflet explains how to use the service, with waste transformed into renewable energy and fertiliser. Residents should keep food waste out of black bins. See the leaflet for further information/support, residents can visit: [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/foodwaste) for more details.

**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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**Newsletter items should be sent to the Benefice Office by 12pm on Wednesdays: [office@chwbenefice.org](mailto:office@chwbenefice.org)**

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