

News from your Church of England Parish Church

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March Moments: Reflecting on the Journey to Easter

March always seems to fly by. Perhaps it is the lengthening days and growing light that seem to refuel everything that is going on?

All of our midweek groups have continued apace — from our new Drop-In to the toddler and youth groups, alongside our adult gatherings of knitting, nattering (in both English and French!), and sharing food together each Thursday. It is wonderful to see these groups becoming places where real and significant friendships are formed. Equally, the quieter ministry that happens in the background remains one of the great privileges of our weeks: visiting people in hospital, spending time with them at home, or simply meeting for a coffee and a chat.

Lent is a season that invites introspection, and so can feel one of the weightier times in the Christian year, as we are called to step back, reflect honestly, and take steps to deepen our faith. Together we journeyed through Mark's Gospel — one of the most accessible and immediate of the Gospels — while also gathering each Friday evening for a short Eucharist, which will continue from Friday 17th April. There was something especially powerful about coming together in community to mark the end of each week.

Palm Sunday, as ever, was full of joy, and we were delighted to dodge the downpours! This year we had not one but two donkeys leading the way as we processed around the church before gathering to hear the Passion — the story of Christ's final journey to the cross.



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New!

Drop In!

Come to the Old School Building every Tuesday after school for a relaxed afternoon of crafts, board games, tasty snacks, and plenty of space to chat, unwind, and enjoy time together.

Whether you can stay for ten minutes or the whole session, you'll be very welcome — drop in for as long or as little as suits you!

Friday Evening Eucharist 5.30pm

During Lent, we gathered each Friday evening to pause and end the week together. It was a lovely opportunity to bring together people from different churches, as well as those who aren't always able to join us on a Sunday.

The service lasts around 25 minutes, and whether your faith feels strong, or you come with doubts and questions, you would be very warmly welcome to be part of it. Starts again from Friday 17th April.



FAMILY DROP IN!

Join us for a fun & relaxing time of
LEGO, BRACELETS, SNACKS, GAMES, FRIENDSHIP & so much more!

Can't find us?
Give Dee a call!
07896 502825

WHEN? TUESDAYS - TERM TIME
3.30PM - 4.30PM

WHERE? - St. Georges OLD SCHOOL BUILDING
WA14 4DS
(Behind Funeral directors)

DONATION - £2 PER CHILD/ £4 PER FAMILY OF MORE THAN 1 CHILD

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Lent 2026

Friday Evening Eucharist
5.30pm

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Maundy Thursday

Thurs, 2nd April 7pm

Maundy Thursday holds a special place in the Christian calendar—a night rich with meaning and reflection. If you've never experienced a Maundy Thursday service, perhaps this is the year to discover why it resonates so deeply. On this evening, we come together to remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples—the very meal that shapes our celebration of the Eucharist. It's a time to pause and reflect on Christ's profound love and self-giving.

A key part of the tradition is the washing of feet, a humble act of service modelled by Jesus himself. Understanding that this can feel personal or even uncomfortable for some, we offer a gentler option: the opportunity to wash your own hands, symbolizing Christ's cleansing and inviting a quiet moment of remembrance. The service ends with the Stripping of the Altars—a moving and powerful ritual where all decorations are removed from the sanctuary. This stark act symbolizes the barrenness and sorrow leading up to the cross, making it one of our most striking and memorable moments of worship.

Do come and be part of it.



Holy Week
Come & be part of it

Thursday
2nd April
7pm

Maundy Thursday
& Stripping of the Altars

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Good Friday Children's Crafts

Friday 3rd April, 10am.

There's plenty to dive into, painting, gluing, building, and even creating your very own mini Easter Garden. Whether you're a creative enthusiast or just up for some messy fun, there's something here for everyone. We'll wrap up the morning with a party lunch, giving you a chance to relax, chat, and enjoy great company while we handle the tidying up! It's a fantastic way to spend a morning together, spark creativity, and celebrate the Easter story!

Book your space here:

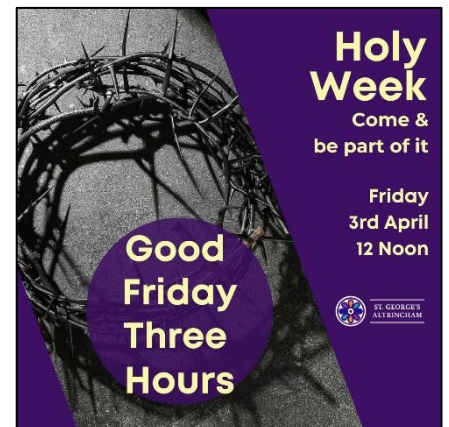
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Good Friday: 3 Hours at the Cross

Friday 3rd April, 12 Noon

Good Friday is the day Christians solemnly remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. It is a profound moment to reflect on His suffering and love, which bring the hope of resurrection and new life. Join us for our Three-Hour Reflection on Good Friday, from 12 noon to 3pm. With music from Handel's Messiah, hymns, scripture readings, and brief reflections, this quiet time invites you to gather at the foot of the cross, listening, praying, and allowing the story to touch your heart. Feel free to come and go as you wish; whether you stay for a few minutes or the entire three hours, you are warmly welcome in this open, reflective space.



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Reflection on the season: Easter Day

Easter Day marks the life-changing story of Jesus rising from the dead—a moment when light broke through the darkness and despair felt by his disciples, friends, and family as they took his broken body down from the cross. Whether or not you describe yourself as Christian or a person of faith, Easter carries a message that resonates across the ages: no matter how difficult or hopeless things may feel, there is always the possibility of renewal and transformation, and light will always push through the darkness.

While Easter is a recorded historical event, it is so much more than that. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we see a powerful demonstration that even in the face of great suffering and loss, new life and hope can emerge. It reminds us that endings can lead to fresh beginnings, and that love and courage can outlast fear and despair. This message has inspired countless people to find strength during hard times and to believe that change is possible.

Easter also symbolizes forgiveness and the promise of something greater beyond this life. Christ invites us to embrace new beginnings in our own lives, whether that means letting go of past hurts, finding hope after loss, or simply choosing to live with a fresh perspective that encourages kindness and generosity toward others. Easter encourages us to see life as a journey of transformation, reminding us that even when things seem darkest, light can still break through.

In a world full of challenges and uncertainty, Easter's message of renewal and hope remains meaningful and powerful for everyone—offering a chance to believe in the possibility of change and new life.



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HOME COMMUNION

For those who cannot get to church

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Knit & Natter

Make new friends, see old ones!

Thursdays, 1.30pm

Vicarage



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Easter Eve

Saturday 4th April, 7.30 pm

On Holy Saturday, we stand at the threshold of Easter—moving from the quiet stillness of the tomb to the fabulous celebration of resurrection, the moment when death was overcome and history was forever changed.

Join us for a beautiful, traditional service filled with rich symbolism and meaning, designed for all ages. Much of the service unfolds by candlelight, creating a powerful atmosphere of reflection and anticipation. Together, we'll renew our baptismal vows; a moving reminder of our identity in Christ.

Rooted in centuries of Christian tradition, this service carries deep meaning, wonder, and visual beauty that captivates both young and old alike.

As the light grows and joy breaks through, we'll gather outside around the Easter fire; sharing warmth, conversation, and plenty of marshmallows (!), as the sun sets and Easter begins.

Whether this is a cherished tradition or something new for you, you are warmly invited to join us for this sacred evening. It's a time of hope, light, and new life, and a marshmallow or two to end!



Easter Day Celebration!

Sunday 5th April, 10am

On Easter Day, everything changes. The tables are turned, the tomb is empty, and the light of Christ shines so brightly that even death itself is defeated. This is the heart of our faith—the moment when hope is renewed, life triumphs over death, and love has the final word. So, we celebrate!

Join us for a joyful all-age service where everyone is welcome, from the young to the young at heart. The morning will be filled with Easter joy, uplifting music, and moments to celebrate together as a church family. There'll be an Easter Egg hunt for the children, and we'll end with a big celebration finale (confetti cannons are ready!). This is a service where you can bring your whole family, come just as you are, and join in with a community that is full of welcome and warmth. Whether Easter is part of your yearly rhythm, or this would be your first time joining us—you are so welcome. Come and experience the joy, the hope, and the life-changing truth: Christ is risen!



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A Quick Guide to Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus, surrounded by a cheering crowds, rides through Jerusalem on a donkey



HOLY MONDAY

Jesus visits his friends in Bethany & Mary anoints the feet of Jesus



HOLY TUESDAY

Jesus foretells the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter



HOLY WEDNESDAY

Judas makes a deal with the high priests to turn Jesus over for 30 silver coins



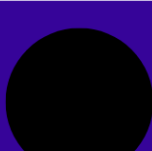
MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Last Supper takes place in an upper rooms, & Jesus institutes the Eucharist



GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion. He died on the cross & was buried in a tomb.



EASTER EVE

Jesus descends into the Abyss



EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus rises from the dead!

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Lent & Easter 2026



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Sun
Feb 15th
10.30am

Pancake Party!



Ash Wednesday

Weds, Feb. 18th:
10am & 7pm Church
1.30pm Altrincham Town Centre

Palm Sunday

Sun, March 29th 11.15am

Maundy Thursday & Stripping of the Altars

Thurs, April 2nd: 7pm

Three Hours at the Cross

Fri, April 3rd: 12 Noon

Fri
April 3rd
10am

Easter Crafts!



Easter Eve & Bonfire

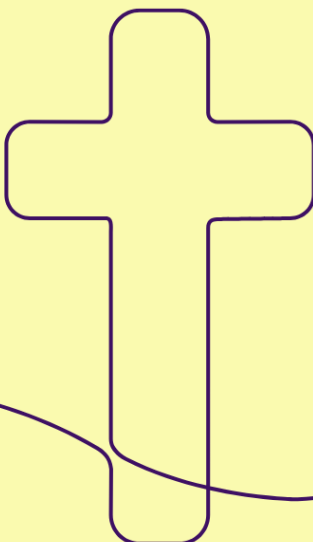
Sat, April 4th: 7.30pm

With
confetti!



Easter Day Celebration!

Sun, April 5th: 10am



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St. George's Day!

Sunday 26th April, 10.30am

St George's Day honours England's patron saint, a symbol of courage, faith, and the triumph of good over evil. St George's story reminds us of the Christian call to stand bravely for what is right and to live with faith and integrity. So join us after the service for a special St George's Day toast; a chance to come together as a community, celebrate our shared faith, and raise a glass in fellowship. Everyone is warmly welcome!



Life Events!

As your Parish Church, we're here for everyone, whether you come through our doors once a year or every single week. You're part of our church family, just as you are.

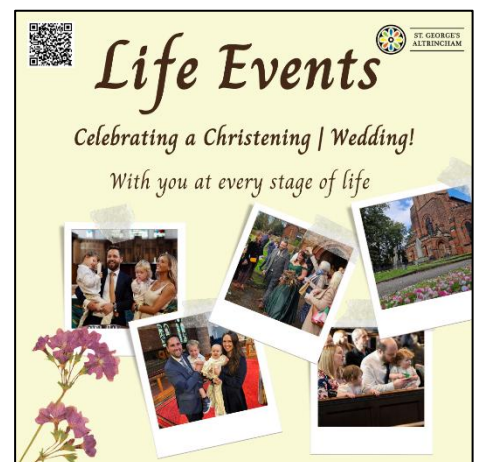
One of the greatest privileges of being your local church is sharing in life's significant moments with you. Christenings, Weddings, and Funerals are not just special occasions—they are sacred milestones where we gather as a community to celebrate new life, unite in love, or honour and remember those we've lost.

If you're thinking about having your child Christened, or perhaps considering baptism for yourself, we'd love to help you take that step. Or maybe you're recently engaged and beginning to plan your wedding; our beautiful church is here for you, and we'd be delighted to walk that journey with you.

Equally, when the time comes to say goodbye to a loved one, we are here to support you with care and compassion, helping to create a funeral service that truly reflects their life and the hope we hold.

Whether it's a joyful celebration or a time of quiet remembrance, these life events are open to everyone who lives within the parish.

If you'd like to explore any of these milestones—whether it's Christenings, Weddings, or Funerals—please do get in touch. We're here to walk with you every step of the way.



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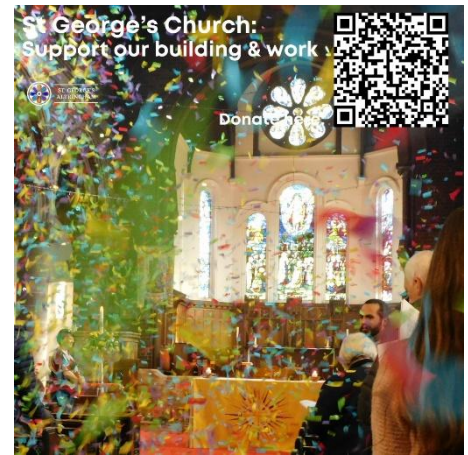
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Can you help support the life and work of the church?

We wonder if you've ever considered making St George's a charity that you support regularly? As you can see from this bulging newsletter, we work hard to serve our congregation, school and community, and all that we do can only happen thanks to the support of our congregation and friends and supporters. It costs us £3406 to run the church each week – might you be willing to be part of it by contributing to it? No matter how small your donation, every little bit makes a huge difference.



Confirmation

Soon we'll be starting our confirmation groups – might you want to be a part of them?

Confirmation is a special service where you have the opportunity to affirm the promises made at your baptism and take a new step in your faith journey. It's a moment of saying "yes" for yourself to following Christ, as the Bishop prays for you and blesses you with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Whether you were baptised as a baby or more recently, Confirmation is a meaningful way to publicly affirm your faith and be commissioned for life as a disciple of Jesus. It's also a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect, and be strengthened in your faith, no matter what stage of life you're in.

So we'll be preparing for a Confirmation Service in @, and we'd love to invite anyone who's interested; whether you're a teenager, an adult who's never been confirmed, or someone who simply wants to explore what it's all about.

If you're curious, or even just wondering if it's for you, do get in touch for a chat. We'd love to walk alongside you as you consider taking this significant step.

Express an interest here: <https://forms.gle/xNZQK89gc7eR3aQU9>



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CHILDREN

Support & Community
Toddler Groups
Music & Movement
After School groups
Choirs
Music theory
Youth Groups
Junior Church & Toddler Sessions
One Off Events

ADULTS

Choir
Coffee Morning
Knit & Natter
Parlez Vous Francais
Women's Group
One off Events



CHURCH

Sunday Services 8am & 9.30am
Weds Service 10am
Weddings
Christenings
Confirmation
Funerals
Alpha
Visiting & Home Communion
Festival Services & Events

Plant Sale!

Planning for our Summer Fayre this July is well underway, and we're getting excited for what promises to be a fantastic community event once again!

One of the highlights last year was the ever-popular *Plant Stall*, which not only looked beautiful but also raised a wonderful amount for our church funds. So, we're hoping to bring it back—bigger and greener than ever!

If you have green fingers, enjoy gardening, or simply fancy having a go at

potting up some plants, we'd love for you to get involved. Whether it's herbs, flowers, veg plants,

houseplants, or even just a few spare seedlings from your own garden, every little helps. It's a brilliant way to contribute, especially if you prefer growing things to baking cakes!

All proceeds from the stall will go directly towards supporting the work and life of our church, helping us continue to serve and bless our community.

If you're interested in growing or donating plants—or if you'd like to help run the stall on the day—please do get in touch. We'd be delighted to hear from you.



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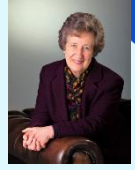
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GOING DEEPER



Joyce Hill is an Emeritus Professor of Leeds University. She is a Christian who specialises in Anglo-Saxon Benedictine Reform and its impact on ecclesiastical and cultural life, and regularly delivers lectures.

With Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection, falling this year on 5 April, and with a title of 'Commemorating the Resurrection', you might well expect this article to be about Easter in some way. But it isn't, at least not directly. We think that the early church began to commemorate the Resurrection as an annual celebration sometime in the mid-second century, making it the earliest of the annual feast-days of the church's year. Other feast-days associated with Christ's life gradually grew up around it, mostly in the fourth century, when — thanks to Constantine's edict of toleration early in the century, and the adoption of Christianity as the religion of the Roman Empire under Theodosius towards the end of the same century — Christians began to worship publicly and, in the churches that they went on to build, developed a yearly cycle of special days, a practice that was modelled on the annual cycle of public rituals of the secular world. But before the Resurrection came to have its own yearly day, Christians celebrated the Resurrection every Sunday. We still do, of course. And so the purpose of this article, in this year's month of Easter (it is March in some years) is to explore the history of this weekly commemoration.

From the gospels we learn that the Resurrection occurred on the first day of the week (Sunday), the day after the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday), the seventh day of the week. The Jewish holy day, a day of rest and prayer, is on the seventh day of the week because the creation narrative in Genesis tells of how God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Within Christian communities, which soon came to include non-Jews, the practice of commemorating the Resurrection on the first day of every week quickly became established. There is a reference in Acts chap. 20 v. 7, to the coming together of the disciples to break bread on this day, and it is referred to as if it was already a regular habit. That it was on the first day of the week is perhaps not immediately obvious to us as we read the text, because the time-reference is 'on the Saturday night'. But the Jewish Sabbath extends from sunset to the sunset, so the time indicator in Acts carefully tells us that the disciples' practice of breaking bread together was very early on the first day of the week in the usual sunset-to-sunset terms.

Within the Christian tradition, the first day of the week soon came to be called 'The Lord's Day', which in the Latin of the Roman Empire, and then continuing in the Latin of the western medieval church, was *Dies Dominica*, later often shortened to *Dominica*. This is the origin of *Dimanche* in French, *Domenica* in Italian and *Domingo* in Spanish, all languages that derive from Latin. In England, however, which came to speak a Germanic language as a result of the Anglo-Saxon invasions in the fifth and sixth centuries, our days of the week were (and still are) named after pagan gods, the sun and the moon. So *Dies Dominica*, or *Dominica*, as it was officially called by the pre-Reformation church, continued to be called Sun-day, the day of the sun, in everyday speech. Sabbath began to be used in English as a term for the Lord's Day only after the Reformation and is generally restricted to particular church traditions. As a leading liturgist once said, 'Christians sanctified the week before they sanctified the year'.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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Date	Events
Sat 6 th Sept	Quiz Night
Sat. 7th Sep	Back to Church Sun Cream Tea & Garden Games
Sun. 4th Oct	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance
Fri 31 st Oct	Halloween Light Stop
Sat 29 th Nov	Christmas Fayre
Sun 15th Feb	Pancake Party
Sun 29th Mar	Palm Sunday Lunch
3rd April	Good Friday Children's Crafts
Sun 26th April	St George's Day Toast
Sun 7th June	John Leigh Park Big Lunch
Sat 26th June	Altrincham Festival
TBC July	Teddy Bear's Picnic @ John Leigh Park
Sun 12 th July	Summer Fayre

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