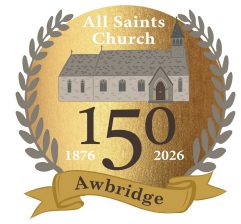


All Saints Church Awbridge - April 2026



Easter

The angels said "Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; He has risen!"
Luke 24 v6



We are now celebrating Easter, a new dawn in the early days of Christianity when the disciples and followers began to understand the full mission of Jesus following his Resurrection and subsequent appearances. Come and see at our Easter Sunday service, at 9.30 am, to embrace that story once again and enjoy the wonderful flowers and even some chocolate. We have a Family Easter Trail at the church this year on Easter Monday, 6 April, 10-11.30 am so do come along and enjoy some Easter Eco-activities and maybe eggs are involved too.

Our next Children's Film Club is on Thursday 9 April from 2.30 pm and features a well-known rabbit...
Our next Messy Church session will be Easter Excitement on Friday 10 April, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm at the Braishfield Church Room.

Our next Grown Up's Cinema Club is on Thursday 22 April from 2.00 pm and features a calendar...

150th Anniversary of All Saints Church 1876-2026 In February we had an amazing performance of the letters of Paul, by Paul Maddox, who brilliantly portrayed the jailed Paul, going through all his writings and relaying them, in a very human way, to the audience. It felt like the letters we think we know really were "coming off the page". Our next anniversary event is "Pearly Gates the Rehearsal with Bishop Rhiannon", Bishop of Southampton, on Saturday 2 May, 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm, at All Saints Awbridge. Entry by donations, refreshments available. For further info contact chris.s.thompson@me.com

This is followed of course by the Awbridge Fete, on Saturday 9 May, when the church will be running a plant stall, together with puzzles, jigsaws, fabrics and games. All donations welcome on the day.

Our Breakfast Service in March looked at God's Love through mothering, the active love which endures, the love of Mary, the mother of Jesus, throughout his earthly life and the examples we can see still today through art revealing the human and holy nature of their lives. Our Contemporary Worship service also looked at God's love, this time, through the eyes of the Prodigal Son, receiving the overwhelming love of his forgiving father, God the Father. The next service will be on Sunday 12 April, celebrating the Easter season.

This is also the season for annual meetings, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on Tuesday 28 April, at 7.00 pm in the church rooms. This meeting reviews reports of the last year and has elections for PCC members and Churchwardens.

Eco-tip for April. Firstly thank you to everyone in Awbridge who took part in the litter pick in March, it was a great way to look after our local area and many folk continue to do this throughout the year, thank you. Why not celebrate new life this Easter 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 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 all 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.

Services and Events in April

Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at St John's Farley Chamberlayne
Good Friday 3 April	9.30 am An hour at the Cross
Sunday 5 April	9.30 am Easter Day Family Holy Communion followed by an Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 6 April	10.00 am -11.30 am Family Easter Eco-Activities and Egg Trail
Thursday 9 April	2.30 pm – Children's Film Club – featuring a well-known rabbit...
Friday 10 April	3.30 pm – 5.30 pm Messy Church – Easter Excitement at Braishfield Church Room
Sunday 12 April	9.00 am Family Breakfast Service at Awbridge Village Hall 6.30 pm Deanery Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday 19 April	9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 22 April	2.00 pm - Grown Up's Cinema Club – featuring a calendar...
Sunday 26 April	9.30 am Morning Worship
Tuesday 28 April	7.00 pm APCM in the Church Rooms

Other Regular Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in the Church Rooms from 9.15 am – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 7 April & 21 April from 9.00 am
Awbridge House Group	Tuesday evenings 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at Chanwel, dates TBC
Craft & Chat	Fridays from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, 10 April & 24 April in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 8 April & 22 April, 12 noon, in the Church Rooms Please contact Sarah Keith 01794 340707
The Ark Toddler Group	Fridays, during term time from 9.15 am to 11.00 am in Awbridge Village Hall Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314

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