



ST EDWARD'S  
CHEDDLETON

# Pew Sheet

Sunday 12 April 2026

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11am Parish Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Easter

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

## Today's Team

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## Thoughts & Prayers

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families, and the wider school community as they return to school after the Easter break,

Prayers have also been asked for **Erica, Christine, Sarah, Deb, Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe, and Ester Young,**

We pray, too, for **Janet Fernyhough and Barbara Hutchinson,** who have died recently.

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Readings

Exodus 14.10–end; 15.20–21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

# Readings continued

Exodus 14.10–end; 15.20–21 cont.

The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

[...]

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart.**
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after,  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 **The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
in your hands alone is my fortune.**
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

# Readings continued

## Psalm 16 cont.

**6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**

**7 I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

**8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure.**

**9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

**10 You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## Acts 2.14a, 22–32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

# Readings continued ...

## Acts 2.14a, 22–32 cont.

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

## John 20.19–end

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

# What's On @ St Edward's

Monday  
13 April

*No Morning Prayer*  
Community Café 10am–12noon

Tuesday  
14 April

*No Morning Prayer*

Wednesday  
15 April

*No Morning Prayer*

Thursday  
16 April

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Friday  
17 April

*No Morning Prayer*  
*No Holy Communion*

Saturday  
18 April

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Sunday  
19 April

**Joint Eucharist 11am at All Saints**

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday  
26 April

**Joint Eucharist 11am**

Sunday  
3 May

Parish Eucharist 9:15am

Sunday  
10 May

**Joint Eucharist 11am at All Saints**

Sunday  
17 May

Parish Eucharist 9:15am

Sunday  
24 May

Parish Eucharist 11am

# Notices

## **Easter Lilies**

Thank you to all who have made a donation towards our Easter lilies this year.  
The list of those remembered by the lilies is at the back of the church.

## **Fundraiser: Quiz Night**

**Friday, 24 April (at the Rugby Club)**

The Quiz night is now sold out but if you would like to be added to the waiting list, please call Nicky at the parish office on 07873 778135 or email [stedwardscheddleton@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardscheddleton@gmail.com).

## **An Afternoon with David Cliffe**

We are delighted to be hosting an afternoon (with afternoon tea!) with the celebrated author of Leek-based murder mysteries, David Cliffe, on Sunday, 3 May (4pm).

Please see the leaflet at the back of church for details;  
tickets are available on our ticketing website:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stedwardschurchcheddleton>

## **Sing Haydn's Creation**

There's still time to join the Phoenix Singers for their performance of Joseph Haydn's choral masterpiece *The Creation*. The next rehearsal will be on Monday, 20 April, at Leek First School (7.30-9.15pm). For more details, contact [chair@phoenixsingersleek.co.uk](mailto:chair@phoenixsingersleek.co.uk)

Tickets for this special concert (All Saints, Leek; Saturday, 30 May, 7.30pm) are now available online:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/allsaintsleek>

## **Final Call: Parish Retreat**

We will need to confirm numbers for our parish retreat (25-28 June) at the Community of the Resurrection (Mirfield, West Yorkshire) by the end of April.

Please do consider joining us for this time of prayer, study, fellowship and refreshment! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

For more information, please speak to Revd Henry.