

WNPG 6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer (See WNPG website)
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Welcome to our parishes

Sunday April 26th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday	27th	
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Easter 5	3rd	<p>09.30 Runcton Holme – Holy Communion 11.00 Shouldham – Morning Prayer 11.00 Marham – Holy Communion 18.00 Online & Phone – Evening Prayer</p> <p>09.15 Feltwell – Service of the Word 09.30 Methwold – Holy Communion 11.00 Wretton – Holy Communion 11.00 Weeting – Service of the Word 18.00 Wereham - Evensong</p>

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *(or)* Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 R The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.19–25 A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his

mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 10.1–10 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. O The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. **This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

