



Pilgrim News

Sunday 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Welcome - A warm welcome to our services today. If you are new or visiting please introduce yourself and also fill in a 'Welcome to St Mary's Card', giving it to one of the welcome team.

Psalm - Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. *Psalm 77 verses 13-14*

A Prayer for the third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Services Today

9.30am Holy Communion – Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

11.00am Morning Worship - Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

A Prayer for World Peace

Almighty God, we pray for peace in our world, for an end to war and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Please Pray For ...

- Ukraine
- God's World: China
- Rochester: Diocese of Harare, Zimbabwe
- The Bereaved: The families & friends of the recently bereaved



Diocesan Calendar of Intercessions

March - April 2024 available online:

For the latest Diocesan News

Visit - <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/>



Regular Weekly Events

Monday

9.45am Open Door – St Edith Hall

Tuesday

2.00pm Craft Group – Kemsing Library

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice at Kemsing Church

Wednesday

12.15pm Lunch Club – St Edith Small Hall

Friday

10.00am House Fellowship – 72 PWE, John Quenby -01959 522079

Services Sunday 21st April - 4th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion – Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18

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Diary (Looking ahead)

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 28 April

The Annual meetings will take place at **11.00am** in Church. Note the date as, it's important that as many people as possible attend. Also prayerfully consider what ministry you believe that God may be calling you to share in, with **elections for two Churchwardens for the ensuing year and three PCC Members for 3 years from 2024 to 2027**. Nomination papers are available in church.

The PCC Annual Report and Financial Statement will be distributed to those of the Electoral Roll this week and is available on request via email, and has also been posted on the Parish website.

Messy Cathedral – Saturday 20th April

There are lots of activities for the children and families to do, based on the theme "Breakfast on the Beach". This is a free event taking place in Rochester Cathedral, from 1.30 pm – 3.30pm followed by a "bring your own" picnic, till 4pm. For more information contact Sarah Cabella - Sarah.Cabella@rochester.anglican.org

Musical Minstrels Concert - Sunday 5th May at 4.00pm

This will be a special event with Vicky Penwarden and friends performing songs from the musicals (with actions). Starting at 4pm, with an interval for refreshments, it will be finished by 6pm so suitable for the whole family. A great afternoon, so save the date. Tickets will be available shortly.

Lent Studies – Please respond by 5 May

Everyone is encouraged to respond to the recent Lent Course, 'completely4giving – responding to God's love', as this will be linked to the new 'Shared Vision' as plans are made for the future of the Parish. **There is a Box in Church for you to return your 'Skills/Time Response Sheet', 'Gift Aid Declaration' and 'Standing Order Tear Off Reply Slip' in the Response Envelopes by Sunday 5 May 2024.** For more information, please speak to Mike L. Many thanks.

Please Pray – Is God calling you to serve Him?

God calls each of us to use the gifts we have been given for the benefit of everyone else in the life of the church. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts. Contact Mike Lodge (07484 245993) if you would like to discuss your response.

Ascension Day Service – Thursday 9 May at 7.30pm

We are hosting the Shoreham Deanery Ascension Day Communion Service, which is to be held in St Mary's Church, Kemsing, at 7.30pm, recalling how Jesus left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Do plan to come along to share in this service.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative – 9 till 19 May

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. More details to follow.

Other Notices

Planned New Vicarage and Church Hall – Latest Update

The **Planning Appeal Inspector visited the Church, Hall, and proposed Vicarage site on Thursday 8 February.** Please continue to pray for those who are making pivotal decisions, including ongoing discussions with the Diocesan Secretary, Finance Director, and Archdeacon of Tonbridge, relating to the possible outcomes of the Planning Appeal and completion of the Church Hall. Many thanks. *Mike*



Payaz Digital Giving Station – In Church

Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, we now have a new 'Digital Giving Station' installed at the back of Church, which enables 'Card' Donations to be made simply and easily. This is particularly useful for visitors to the church as well as regular members of the congregations. Feel free to try it out! More information from our Churchwardens, Peter and Trevor.

Offertory – Weekly Collection

A collection plate is not passed round during our services, but if you would like to give towards the ongoing work and ministry of the church in Kemsing and Woodlands there is a plate near to the main door of the church. If you would like to know more about how to give regularly, please contact the Church Treasurer, Philip Walker, on 01732 761646, or Churchwarden responsible for Gift Aid, Peter Chadwick, on 01732 300054. Thank you in advance for your prayerful response.



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We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can increase your financial support for the Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Since registering, we have raised **£337.27**. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. Please refer to Notice Boards and sign up. Thank You.

New Lectern and Pulpit Microphones

We are grateful to The Friends of St Mary's for funding the purchase of two new microphones. If you are not already a 'Friend', do pick up a leaflet and consider signing up and supporting their important work.

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