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Pilgrim News

Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

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 - Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. *Psalm 66 verses 1-2*

A Prayer for Easter Sunday

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Easter Sunday

7.30am Open Air Service at the Cross on Green Hill – John 20:1-18

10.00am United All Age Worship – Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12

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: Central Africa
- Rochester: The church in the Province of the West Indies
- 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 (Bank Holiday)

Open Door – St Edith Hall **not taking place**

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 7th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional) – Acts 4:32-35, John 20:19-31

9.30am Holy Communion – Acts 4:32-25, John 20:19-31

11.00am All-Age Worship - John 20:19-31

Diary (Looking ahead)

Electoral Roll

The annual revision (update) of the Parish Electoral Roll legally runs from today until **13 April 2024**. Application Forms are available in Church. Please remember to return your Forms to Nina Holley by this date. You can leave in church or post to: Crowdleham Court, Heaverham Road, Kent TN15 6NG. Thank You.

Sunday 28 April – Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual meetings will take place on **Sunday 28 April at 11.00am** in St Mary's Church. Put this date in your diaries as it's important that as many people as possible attend. Also prayerfully consider what ministry you think that God might be calling you to share in.... **There will be elections for two Churchwardens for the ensuing year and three Members for 3 years from 2024 to 2027**. Nomination papers are available in church.

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.

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responding to God's love

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.

Stepping into 2024, Kemsing Garden Trail: 8–9 June

A joint venture with Kemsing Gardener's Society, save the dates and plan to sign up and join in. A letter and submission form now available in Church for you to respond to if you would like to open your Garden. More information from Mike L



Other Notices



THANK YOU – to the Flower Arrangers

Many thanks to the flower arrangers for decorating the church during Holy Week and for our services today. It is wonderful to share in the joy of the risen Lord expressed through the wonder of God's creation and new life which it brings to us.

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

For the work and ministry of Kemsing and Woodlands Parish there is a plate by the main door of the church. Donation and Gift Aid Forms and Envelopes are also available. Thank you 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 **£361.61**. 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.

Children Society Boxes

Thank you for the continued support for The Children's Society. I am pleased to let you know that this year we have raised an amazing amount of £713.48. If you would like a box please contact Bridget Wolfe on 07882435298.

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