

## 21st April 2019 — Easter Day

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus Christ is Risen Today.**

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all: how marvellous that we can proclaim Jesus Christ as our risen Saviour. Through his death and resurrection we know that we have been given new life and the of life eternal, at the end of this earthly journey, if we place our trust in him.

I often wonder what those first followers for Jesus, felt on that first Easter day. Can you begin to imagine what those women thought when they found the tomb open and empty? Then to be confronted by the two angels, and their message. Suddenly they began to remember. So as the message of Resurrection dawned on them, they went to tell the I I and the others.

Peter too reaching the tomb, looked in and saw. He had no great flash of insight, just puzzlement and then amazement. He went back to the others, amazed. Slowly, the real meaning of resurrection dawned on them all.

Resurrection is the result of believing in Jesus. Jesus went through that awful death, that he might break the powers of death and darkness, and come through to new life; the resurrection life. A new life, which he opens to all who believe in him, you and me included. When you think about this, are you not amazed too? God, has given us, resurrection and the life eternal through Jesus's death upon the cross. Is this not amazing. Today on this Sunday, as we commemorate that first EASTER, which changed everything, we thank God for Jesus, and the amazing gift of resurrection. Let us give him Thanks and Praise.

### **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

With love at Easter.

*Ian Newman*

*Growing in Faith,  
Reaching Out  
to All*

**St Mary's  
Fordingbridge  
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**Holy Ascension  
Hyde  
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**St Giles  
Godshill  
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**St Boniface  
Woodgreen  
SP6 2AJ**

**St Mary's  
Hale  
SP6 2RF**

**Sandleheath  
Uniting Church  
SP6 IPT**

*We welcome all, especially visitors and those attending for the first time. If you need gluten free wafers at Communion, please speak to someone at the door before the service.*

***Please take this newsletter home with you for the week ahead.***

*Please stay after the morning service for tea and coffee, to meet folk and ask any questions. God Bless*

# READINGS - for you to use today and during the week

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## COLLECT:

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.**



## **PSALM 118:14-24** *(For Morning Prayer)*

14. The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
15. Joyful shouts of salvation  
sound from the tents of the righteous:
16. 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up;  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
17. I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.
18. The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he has not given me over to death.
19. Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20. This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
21. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
22. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24. This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Peter, speaking in the house of a Gentile, assures his listeners that God's mercy extends to all.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*At the end, the Reader says:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL READING

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader*

*When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)**

*Luke 24:1-12*

*The women are the first to find the empty tomb. The disciples don't believe them.*

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered Jesus' words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*At the end, the Reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.)**

*(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of Life,

for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him

in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**



## **GARY OUT & ABOUT :**

**Tuesday**, Benefice of the Future Day at Alresford all day.

**Wednesday**, Communion at Frogham Chapel in the morning, followed by meetings, then assembly at Hyde School.

**Thursday**, Communion and Staff Meeting in the Office in the morning, 'Story & Song' at Fordingbridge Nursery at lunchtime, a funeral at Woodgreen in the afternoon, and Governor Training at Breamore in the evening.

**Friday**, Coffee Morning at Woodgreen in the morning.

**THANK YOU** everyone who has helped in any way with all of the preparations for Holy Week and Easter, including cleaning and decorating the Churches for Easter Day. Happy Easter, everyone.

**NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON ANNOUNCED:** Downing Street announced on Tuesday that Her Majesty the Queen has accepted the nomination of the Reverend Canon Deborah Sellin as the next Bishop of Southampton. Debbie is currently the Vicar of St John the Baptist, Womersley with Blackheath in the Diocese of Guildford and is also the Area Dean for the Deanery of Cranleigh. She was ordained 12 years ago after spending time working as a Family and Children's Worker in a Church of England parish in Guildford, and as a Manager in the NHS. You can read more and see a video at [www.winchester.anglican.org](http://www.winchester.anglican.org). She will probably be consecrated in July, and we look forward to welcoming her to the Diocese and Partnership after that.

**ST MARY'S FORDINGBRIDGE :** new Readers, Sides-persons or Vergers needed. We would like to encourage you to join one or more of the above teams who keep our services at St Mary's Fordingbridge running smoothly. If you are interested or unsure of what is required please talk to the wardens, clergy or myself. Many thanks, Ann Beynon

**AN INVITATION :** from Downton Baptist Church, South Lane, SP5 3NA: Saturday 27 April, 9.30 - 12.30 to join them writing letters of encouragement to persecuted Christians and their families. Information, resources & refreshment provided. PLUS: a children's table for children to create cards for the children of prisoners. Contact Pat Bloomfield 837735 if interested.

**OPEN DOORS :** Thank you everyone, who takes the Open Doors magazine, and prays for the persecuted church. Pick up a copy to see how you can help people like us, who suffer for being a Christian. See [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org) for more information. *And Note For Your Diary :* there will be a Speaker from Open Doors at St Mary's Fordingbridge (at 9.30am) and St Mary's Breamore, (at 11am) on Sunday 12 May.

**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN :** Please send all requests for prayer to [prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk). If you feel able to commit to regular prayer for those on the list and wish to become a prayer partner, please make contact via the above e-mail address.

**WEDDING FAIR** : Sunday 28 April, 11am to 3pm. All are welcome to the Wedding Fair being held jointly at St Mary's Hale and Hale Park —many local wedding suppliers will be attending inc photographers, flowers, cars, dresses, food wine and more.

**FORDINGBRIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY** present Puccini's "Messa di Gloria" and other Italian classic favourites here in St Mary's Church on Saturday 27th April 2019 at 7 30pm - a post-Easter treat for everyone. Tickets available in advance at £12 from Fordingbridge Bookshop or online at [www.fordingbridgechoral.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.fordingbridgechoral.ticketsource.co.uk) and at the door on the night for £15. We'll be joined by soloists Hugh and Xavier Hetherington and accompanied by the Edwards Ensemble. Wonderful music in the heart of Fordingbridge.

**WOODGREEN model steam rally and model exhibition** : 4th/5th May 2019, 10am to 5pm in Woodgreen Village Hall. Please come and support us, raising money for C.L.A.P.A and Alzheimer's Society. Live steam and model layouts; Arts and crafts in the church; Home made refreshments. Suitable for all the family

**HYDE FRIENDSHIP GROUP** : The Friendship Group has moved this month (due to Easter) - it will be on April 26th at 2.30pm in Hyde Church Centre.

**WOODGREEN FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING** : All welcome to come along on Friday 26th April to St Boniface at 10.30am and join us for our Fairtrade Coffee Morning and a St George's Day singalong.

**WHAT IS THE MISSION MATTERS GROUP?** Meeting 3/4 times a year to raise the profile of Mission and Social Justice in our churches, representatives from the Partnership churches, supported by the Rev'ds Gary, Nicky, and Mike, provide opportunities to explore our faith and what it involves. Watch out for the 'Books To Borrow' Pop Up table and our Traidcraft stalls; and don't miss the Speakers coming in 2019 to talk in our churches about :

Open Doors (12 May)

Christian Aid (19 May).

Want to know more?

Contact John & Pat Bloomfield (837735) or Alan & Gwenda Moore (650104)

**T.O.F.S.S. (Too Old For Sunday School)** will be meeting after Easter, at 15 Provost Street, at 10.45am, to watch a DVD, discuss it, and to pray. Thursdays 25 April, 23 May, 13 & 27 June. Newcomers welcome. Light refreshments. Further details from John or Pat Bloomfield 837735.

**GOOGLE REVIEWS** : Have you got something good to say about one of our Churches? Could you write a Google Review? Go to Google Maps, find the Church you would like to comment on, and write your Review. The more good reviews we get, the higher our rating, and the more attractive the Churches look to those who are searching for them on the internet. Any questions - ask me. Gary.

**BIG CHURCH LUNCH!** On Sunday 12 May, at Burgate School, from 12.30-3pm, you are invited by Churches Together in Fordingbridge and District to a delicious Hog Roast lunch (with a veggie option). Tickets will be available soon £2 each. (Be warned: I might be asking for offers of salads or puds nearer the time!) If the weather is wet we shall be under cover in the school. If fine, bring your deckchairs! Make a diary note. Pat Bloomfield, CTFD Rep. Tel 01425 837735

**KINKIIZI SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** : If anyone might be interested in going to Kinkiizi for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Diocese in April/May 2020, these are the brief details-depart Gatwick 28 April, after rest day attend weeklong celebrations finishing with the closing celebrations on Sunday 10 May, travel back, arriving at Gatwick 12 May. Folk in Kinkiizi are already very excited about the Jubilee and are eager to welcome as many of us as possible. Accommodation likely to be in one of 2 Diocesan Guest Houses. Estimated cost around £1000 per person (includes airfare, road travel & accommodation). More information from Gary or Nicky.

**“BOOKS TO BORROW”** : a “Pop-Up” table, with mainly Christian books will appear now and then in our churches or at coffee mornings by arrangement. A variety of books (and we welcome modern Christian books you have enjoyed, which you no longer want, to increase our stocks). Get in touch if you have books, or want “Books to Borrow” to visit your church or coffee morning. Pat Bloomfield 837735, Gwenda Moore 650104.

**CHURCH OFFICE** : will be closed on Easter Monday - 22nd April.

## **REFLECTION :**

Today we sing ‘Christ is Risen’. We may eat chocolate, or do whatever we had given up for Lent. Children hunt for Easter eggs - mouth wateringly in the shops for weeks. Christ is risen and He will allow all his disciples to ‘know’ – even doubting Thomas.

Two wonderfully poignant stories help our understanding: Mary is in tears at finding the tomb empty. She bumps into someone she thinks is the gardener, telling him why she is crying, He only has to reply with one word ‘Mary’ for her to ‘know’.(John 20. 13-16) The second: two disciples were walking to Emmaus discussing recent events when joined by a stranger who seemed ignorant of these events. He stayed with them for supper and when he ‘broke bread’ they ‘knew’. Later they asked each other “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us? (Luke 24 13-32)

All is mystery! Yet we are part of the mystery involved by Jesus’ short life on earth, his Death and Resurrection ensuring that we too may ‘know’.

*Daphne Himmel*

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<b>Sunday 21</b>	<b>6.30am</b>	<b>Sonrise Service followed by breakfast</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Godshill</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>C of E Easter Morning Service</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Breamore</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Easter Evening Service</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
Monday 22		Church Office closed	Fordingbridge
Wednesday 24	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Joint Communion	Frogham Chapel
	7.45pm	Meditation Drop In	Fordingbridge
Thursday 25	7.30pm	Bellringing	Fordingbridge
Friday 26	10.30am	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	Woodgreen
<b>Sunday 28</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Taize Morning Service</b>	<b>Hale</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>C of E Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b>	<b>Breamore</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Baptism meeting in church</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>