



## **Welcome**

A warm welcome to everyone, and especially if you are new or visiting. Do please stay on for drinks and to meet people after the 9.30 and 11.15 services and keep this welcome sheet for your prayers this week.

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## **Prayer**

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- with the Anglican Communion we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of the land of the Holy One; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim and David
- the Sisters of St Andrew, Ramegnie-Chin, Belgium, among them Sister Katie Seal
- our mission giving: £500 for Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy, building friendships, listening and supporting others in their place of work; for Liz Russell, the chaplain we support
- that our political leaders take time to reflect and seek peace
- thanksgiving for Jesus, and that God raised him from death to new life
- joy in our faith as individuals and God's family in this place – that we may be filled with unquenchable joy and hope. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- those touched by Christianity, and all who long to believe that it is true and makes sense in their lives. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- huge thanks to all who have prepared our churches so beautifully for our Easter worship today. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- people/places desperate for a new start; all who are frightened, thirsty or hungry
- all who come to church today for whatever reason, that the profound truth of the resurrection may bring a deep sense of peace and enduring hope
- older people living at home on their own – all who care for them in whatever way
- the unwell: Mike Beard, Caroline Behan, Janet Bird, Henry Drew, Vera Edwards, Liz Elsworthy, Judy Golding, Andrew James, Julia Jones, Laura Liepins, Kate Morgan, Les Scott, Jane Seal and Nicki Smith; all awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including John Randall; all who live with the pain of untimely death; God's comfort for their families and friends and all who remember loved ones

Please feel free to put prayer requests on the board at the back of church or e-mail them to [admin@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewstpaul.org).

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## Services today, 21 April

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8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

*Readings: p. 129*



9.30 am

Parish Family Communion with Easter egg hunt

St Paul's

Order of service in yellow booklet

### Readings

#### ***Acts 10: 34–43 [p. 895]***

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

#### ***John 20: 1–18 [p. 895]***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him'. Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him'. When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away'. Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God".' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Choir** 'Now the green blade rises', traditional French, arr. Alan Bullard  
'Christians, shout for joy and gladness' by J. S. Bach

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins with Holy Communion  
St Matthew's

**Readings** *Acts 10: 34–43; John 20: 1–18 [p. 895]*  
*See above*

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## Services next Sunday, 28 April

*The second Sunday of Easter; [BCP] the first Sunday after Easter*

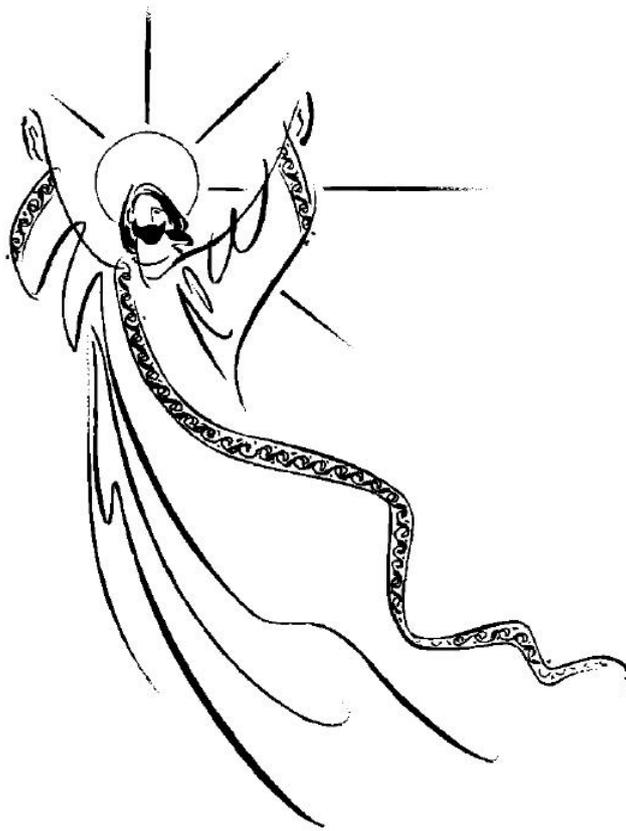
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8 am [BCP] Holy Communion  
St Matthew's *Readings: p. 136*

9.30 am Parish Communion  
St Paul's *Readings: Acts 5: 27–32; John 20: 19–31 [p. 898]*

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins  
St Matthew's *Readings: Acts 5: 27–32; John 20: 19–31 [p. 898]*

6 pm Taizé service  
Cathedral



## **Easter dawn**

*He blesses every love which weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,  
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply  
'They took my love away, my day is night'  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.*

**Malcolm Guite, Sonnet 15 for Easter Morning**

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## The week ahead

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Mon 22, 10.30 am	Earth Day march	Discovery Centre
	NO Evening Prayer	
Tues 23, 11 am	Funeral of John Randall	St Paul's
2.30 pm	Mothers' Union talk by Pam Clark	St Barnabas'
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 24, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Vestry
Thurs 25, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group restarts	Parish rooms

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## Diary dates

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### April

Mon 29, 7.30 pm	Annual parochial church meetings	St Paul's
Tues 30, 9 am	Property committee	Vestry
7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry

### May

Wed 1, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City starts	St Lawrence's
7.30 pm	Children's work team	Western School
Thurs 2	City councillor elections	St Paul's Hall
6.30 pm	'For king and country' history talk	St Matthew's
Sat 4, 2–6 pm	Dance rehearsal for Community Day	St Paul's
Mon 6	Parish office closed (bank holiday)	
Tues 7, 2.30 pm	St Matthew's planning group	St Matthew's
Wed 8, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	St Lawrence's
Thurs 9	Deadline for magazine articles	
8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	St Paul's
Fri 10, 10–noon	St Paul's Coffee Pot pop-up café	St Paul's
Sat 11, all day	Community Day, 'The Circus'	St Paul's
Sun 12	Christian Aid Week starts	
noon	Baptism of Evelyn Wright	St Paul's
Mon 13, 7.45 pm	PCC meeting	St Paul's
Wed 15, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	St Lawrence's
3.30 pm	<i>Beyond Ourselves</i> committee	Parish rooms
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
Sat 18	National Liturgical Conference	St Paul's
5–7 pm	Youth games night	Parish rooms

### June

Sun 30, 10 am	Ordination of Liz Stuart as deacon	Cathedral
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### July

Sun 7	We welcome Liz Stuart as our part-time curate	Both churches
12.45 pm	Bring and share lunch	St Paul's

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## ***Building for Life update***

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***We continue to make good progress*** We expect to receive prices from four firms on 3 May. These will then be checked by the architect and quantity surveyor, and after that we will have a much clearer picture of costs. Depending on these, we may be able to give the green light to proceed in the autumn, or we may need to decide on some elements of the project that can be postponed.

Lots of hard work continues in order to raise the anticipated total cost, especially by all preparing for the Community Day and by those submitting ongoing grant applications. We still need to raise £180,000 to reach our target. Please continue to pray for all involved in this demanding and complex project. Thank you.

*Peter Seal.*

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## **Coming up**

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***Concert in aid of Winchester Hospice*** You are invited to an evening of piano, cello and flute music, with Tom Jesty from our parish on piano, at Winchester College Music School on Sat 27 April, 7.30 pm. Includes music by Rachmaninov, Ravel and Bridge. No tickets needed; retiring collection.

***Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings*** The annual meetings, including elections of churchwardens and PCC members, will be held at St Paul's on Mon 30 April, 7.20 for 7.30 pm. If you would like to know what's involved in being a member of the PCC, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Nathalie Schulz, N.Schulz@btopenworld.com.

***History talk at St Matthew's*** At 6.30 pm on Thurs 2 May two speakers, Geraldine Buchanan (city guide and local historian) and Derek Whitfield (military historian), will give a talk entitled 'For king and country – Fulflood and Weeke in the Great War', followed by a glass of wine. Free admission, with a retiring collection.

***Space in the City*** *Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer* is the title of this spring's series of Wednesday lunchtime talks at St Lawrence's, 1–22 May, with speakers Angela Tilby, Brian Pickett, Peter Lippiett and Elizabeth Stuart.

### ***Community Day, Sat 11 May: 'The Circus'***



***Cakes and preserves*** –Please label produce and, if possible, list ingredients. We'd like small cakes, large cakes, biscuits, bread products plus jars of homemade jams and jellies. Bring on the day, or arrange collection via Christine Bennett, 852681, or Linda Russell-Smith, 853584.

– ***First Aiders*** We need qualified First Aiders on site all day; please contact Roger (e-mail below) to book a slot.



- *Plants* Please pot up anything from your garden this week so it has time to establish itself before the big day, label it, and bring it to St Paul's on Fri 10 May (or on the day).
- *Coconut shy* We're looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the coconut shy in the afternoon; training provided on the day! Contact [dpbray@virginmedia.com](mailto:dpbray@virginmedia.com).
- *Bric-à-brac* Please bring to church on/after 28 April. Keith Anderson is looking for volunteers to help on the stall: [keith.anderson20@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.anderson20@btinternet.com).
- *Bottles, bottles, bottles* Donations needed for the bottle tombola. Please leave them in the box at the back of St Paul's on Sundays, or at the parish office on Mon, Wed or Fri, 9.30 am–3 pm. From 24 April bottles can also be left at the Rectory (plastic box to the right of the garage) and in the porch at 53 Cheriton Road.
- *Offers of help/queries* to Kat, Adrienne and Roger, [rogerjbj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rogerjbj@yahoo.co.uk), [adriennemarsden01@gmail.com](mailto:adriennemarsden01@gmail.com).



***New door-to-door volunteers for Christian Aid Week needed***  
Please sign up at the back of church or contact Julie Sharp, [juliemichaela@gmail.com](mailto:juliemichaela@gmail.com), 07952 236887.

***Big Sleep Out*** You are invited to take part in the Trinity Centre's Big Sleep Out, an eye-opening night spent sleeping in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral, on Fri 17 May. After an evening of live entertainment, you would build yourself a cardboard shelter to sleep in. Money raised in sponsorship will go back into Trinity's services, offering long-term, positive change.

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## Notices

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***Trinity Centre*** Donations of men's and women's casual clothes, shoes and warm items appreciated; contact [lucy@trinitywinchester.org.uk](mailto:lucy@trinitywinchester.org.uk).

***Winchester women's refuge*** A safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Please help by leaving towels and toiletries in the box at the back of church.

***Nightshelter*** Please donate strong black bin bags, floor cleaner, kitchen roll or white sugar via the box at the back of St Paul's.

***Plastic bottle tops*** Help reduce plastic waste and raise money for Lanterns, the nursery school on Bereweke Road. Please put washed type 2 or 4 plastic tops in the crate at the back of St Paul's.



## Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Toddler group* (0–3 years) runs on Thursdays, 9.30–11.30 am in the parish rooms: play, craft, singing, stories and snacks (coffee, etc. for grown-ups!)
- *Women's group* next meets Wed 15 May, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; contact Julia Seal, 854849, [julia.seal@ntlworld.com](mailto:julia.seal@ntlworld.com)
- *Tea with Friends* runs on the second Monday of the month, 2.30–4.30 pm; please contact Linda Russell-Smith, 853584, or Heather Riley, 862867
- *St Paul's Coffee Pot* pop-up café next meets Fri 10 May, 10 am–noon in St Paul's, for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat (donations to *Building for Life*); children welcome
- *Daytime book group* next meets Mon 20 May, 2.30 pm at Berewecke Ave; please contact Talia Hedstrom, 868728, or Christine Bennett, 852681
- *Meditation group* meets on Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the parish rooms – come as you are and rest in God's presence
- *Tuesday homegroup* restarts on 5 May, 7.45–9.15 pm; please contact James Clay, 852141
- *Thursday homegroup* meets fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, reconvening on 9 May; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776

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## Contact us

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Please make cheques payable to St Matthew's PCC – all gifts gratefully received

Please send in any notices for the welcome sheet to [ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org) by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday