



## All Saints' Church

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## Sunday 5th April *Easter Day*

### 9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Caroline Wickens

#### Readings

Acts 10 vv 34 – 43  
John 20 vv 1 - 18

#### Hymns

298 Christ the Lord is risen today  
311 The day of resurrection  
306 Now the green blade rises  
313 Thine be the glory

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **Thought for the week: Easter Day**

Faced with our fragile humanity, the Easter proclamation becomes care and healing, nourishing hope in the face of the frightening challenges that life presents us with every day on a personal and global level. In the perspective of Easter, the Via Crucis, the Way of the Cross, is transfigured into the Via Lucis, the Way of Light. We need to savour and meditate on the joy after the pain, to retrace in the new light all the stages that preceded the Resurrection.

*Pope Leo*

Blessings, Caroline

**Morning Prayer** at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning.  
All welcome.

**Communion responses:** a reminder that we are going to use some new sung responses for communion services this week. These recordings may help with your learning this new music. Please note you are singing the congregation's line not the choir!

Gloria

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb394ebQ4OI>

Sanctus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTMLiCsh53E>

Agnus Dei

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWicjNQLme4>

**"Coffee, Chat and Play"** is taking a break this week but will be back again on Tuesday 14th April.

**Friendship Club** is also having an Easter break.

**Zoom Compline:** the next Compline service is on **Thursday 9th April** at 8.45pm.  
Everyone welcome. Please contact Chris Billington for the Zoom link.

**Ann Braddick's funeral** will be on **Thursday 9th April** at 10am in church followed by refreshments in the Lower Hall.

**Workaid collection:** the circuit has decided to mark Lent 2026 by collecting tools for Workaid, a charity based in Chesham that refurbishes tools to support projects in West Africa. A full list of the items they will (and won't) accept is here: <https://workaid.org/donate-tools>. Please bring to church around Easter anything you find in your cupboards and sheds that would be suitable (this includes dressmaking material and haberdashery) and the circuit will then arrange collection and delivery to Chesham soon after Easter.

**Service streaming:** the link to watch the service on Sundays is: <https://www.youtube.com/@Allsainshp4/live>

## Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Audrey and Paul Cox; Mark, Nicola and family; Terry; Heather Gifford; Ida; Penny; for Ann Braddick who has died and her family and friends;

We pray for the people of Iran and especially for those who have lost loved ones and we pray for the hearts and minds of those who are causing so many deaths to be changed in accordance with your command 'Love one another';

We pray for all those affected by extreme weather events;

We give thanks for the ceasefire in Gaza and pray that it will lead to a lasting peace;

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. We pray too for all aid workers who have died or been injured while trying to bring supplies to those in need and for their families.

We pray too for those who are caught up in war in other parts of the world, including Sudan and Ukraine and for those facing the threat of starvation in the ongoing hostilities;

We also pray for:

All who are refugees, especially those who are not receiving help to rebuild their lives in safety;

We pray that the issue of climate change may not be forgotten and all the nations may act to secure the safety of our world. We pray too for all whose lives have been badly affected by climate changes in the areas where they live.

We pray that all MPs may serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they represent.

We continue to pray for the children and their families of our church and town and all who work in the NHS; Social Services and the charities who are supporting the sick or frail;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; John Malcolm; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Barbara Conway; Marnie Taylor; Leslie; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall



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