



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

7 April 2024 : Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today. If you are a visitor and usually take communion in your own church, we hope you will share the sacrament with us. We are now using the Common cup again when sharing the wine. If you are not a communicant, please still come to the altar, but carry a book, and you will receive a blessing. Do join us for Fairtrade refreshments in Church House after the 9.00 am service and at the back of church after the 11.00 am service.

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of events in the coming week which you might want to join in with, or pray over.

COLLECTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

Collect:

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

**Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Today's readings with their pew bible page numbers are:

First Reading: **Acts 4: 32-35** (page 1096)

Despite continuing harassment by the Jewish authorities, the believers in Jerusalem began to develop a new style of community life under the apostles' leadership, sharing everything and meeting everyone's needs.

Second Reading: **1 John 1:1 – 2:2** (page 1225)

These Sundays of Eastertide we shall hear a series of passage from this letter. The eternal life from God, writes John, has been seen and touched on earth in the person of his incarnate Word. Now we know God's pure light, and in it we are cleansed and forgiven.

Gospel Reading: **John 20: 19-31** (page 1089)

On the first Easter evening, Jesus appears to his disciples with his habitual greeting of peace, and a gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas must wait another week until he can see, believe, and adore.

9.00 am Choral Communion (Common Worship)

11.00 am All Age Worship with Baptism
of Poppy Jones

6.00 pm 1st Evensong of the Annunciation (Sung) (BCP) (No sermon)
Psalm 85 (Oxford Psalter page 168)
Genesis 3: 8-15 (page 5)
Hymn 181
Galatians 4: 1-5 (page 1170)
Hymns 161 & 185

Intercessions: In our prayers this week we remember Cerys, Rex & Mary, Janet, Freddie, Anu, Andrea, Denise, Kay & Clive, Imelda & Mike, Charlotte, Sylvia, Bex, Arthur, and all who care for and about them.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Ian Desborough, long-time bellringer at our Church, who recently passed away. His funeral takes place on Wednesday 24 April at 12 noon at Hughenden Church.

We also give thanks to God for the life of Paul Ceurvorst who passed away a few days ago. Paul was a regular at our 9.00 am service and more recently our Tuesday morning service.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 8 April

7.30 pm Hughenden Community Singers: Church

TUESDAY 9 April

11.00 am Holy Communion: Church

Next Sunday:

14 April : Third Sunday of Easter

9.00 am Matins (Sung) (BCP)

11.00 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 April – Annual Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.30 am in church following a combined service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am. A shared lunch will take place after the meeting.

27 April – Hughenden Community Singers 'A Night At The Musicals' in church at 7.30 pm (refreshments included). Admission free – donations welcome.

4 May – Meet the Cables! Kevin and Jen Cable plan to be in the UK briefly in May. There will be an opportunity to meet them on Saturday 4 May. They will be speaking at the Men's Breakfast, and afterwards we will host a coffee morning in Church House so that those unable to make the breakfast can meet them. Please put the date in your diaries and please pray that the security situation allows them to travel.

GENERAL

The APCM Report Booklet is now available at the back of the church as well as nomination forms, and the agendas, minutes and accounts for the meeting. These are all also available online at hughendenparishchurch.org.uk/APCM. There are currently 4 vacancies for PCC and 3 for Deanery Synod.

Cables Update Thank you praying for Kevin and Jen Cable: it works! The great news is that their visas have been reissued despite concerns due to the ongoing security situation in the area. That news was too late to make their latest update which is displayed on the board at the back of church. Please do take a copy to read or go online to churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/jennifer-and-kevin-cable-israel-palestine.

Job Vacancy at One Can Trust for a Social Media and Food Bank Administrator. Details can be found at onecantrust.org.uk/current-staff-vacancies. Closing date 30 April.

Thank you to everyone who supported the call for old bras to be sent to raise funds for Against Breast Cancer. I can't tell you how many I've got - but it's a lot. Thank you again for all your supports! Lin Smit.

One-bedroom flat or bungalow needed for our prospective new Children & Families Minister. Paul and his wife plan to relocate from New Zealand in August and are looking for very modest accommodation in the High Wycombe area. They are looking ideally for a property on one level, which is light and airy, not on a main road. They have a modest budget for rental, so this would need to be subsidised accommodation. Please speak to Keith if you think you might be able to assist. Thank you.

Giving Thank you for your generous giving that helps transform lives, through our investment in the next generation through our youth ministries, our community initiatives, and our partnerships with local, national and global causes. If you would like to contribute, you can use our contactless card reader, place cash or a cheque into our giving box (please consider using a yellow envelope so we can reclaim Gift Aid) or set up a regular bank standing order, enabling us to plan for the future with confidence. Maybe you could even consider leaving a legacy to St Michael & All Angels in your will? For anything you can offer, we are hugely grateful. If you have questions, please speak to any of our team or visit: hughendenparishchurch.org.uk/Giving

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