

Prayer bulletin

Give thanks for:

- Your salvation through Jesus' death
- You hope of eternal life through Jesus' resurrection.
- Our 'family' here at Holy Trinity.

Pray for:

- all our Easter events to give glory to Jesus.
- growth in children's faith from seeds sown through Easter Assemblies and Easter Explored workshops delivered by The Lighthouse Project in our local Schools
- a fresh sense of wonder as you revisit the Easter story
- God's calling to the right person to be the next Parish Rector.
- all members of the DCC and PCC and for our annual meetings.
- an outpouring of God's healing, life-giving Spirit on all our congregation.



Weekday Morning Prayer at St Mary's 8.30-9.30 a.m.

A small group meets Monday-Friday mornings to read the office of morning prayer, discuss the Bible readings and pray together. It's a great way to start a day. Come in by the Rectory gate to the office entrance.

First Friday Fun Club 6.00-7.30pm for primary school aged children

Join us on Friday 4th April.
at St Mary's Southgate.

First Friday Fun Club

St Mary's Craft evening

Wednesday 14th May at 7pm

All welcome.

Refreshments will be provided.



The Gate Café at St Mary's will be closed Maundy Thursday 17th April. Otherwise, open as usual every Thursday, 9.30am to 1pm

WHO'S WHO

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Holy Trinity Church

Tilgate Link April 2025

Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 24:5b-6a 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!'

Sunday Services

6 th April	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
13 th April		Palm Sunday
	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
20 th April		Easter Sunday
	06.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at Tilgate Lake
	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
27 th April	10.30 a.m.	4 th Sunday Worship
4 th May	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Thought from the vicar:

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

From Friday to Sunday – what a change! From Jesus dying on the cross observed by a Roman centurion, an expert executioner, to two men in gleaming white clothes rebuking the women, who came to embalm Jesus body, for seeking Jesus among the dead. 'He is not here; he has risen.'

The earth shattering news was shared, just after dawn, in a quiet graveyard, with a few grieving women who went and told the other disciples. The biggest event in history just happened with no big fanfare or show. The news was not emblazoned across the sky, but entrusted to a few followers who were instructed to 'pass it on'. Through the centuries, people have done just that.

Who will you tell this Easter that Jesus is not dead and buried?

He has risen; he is alive!



Jill

10.30 Sunday Services are followed by coffee/tea in the lounge. Do join us for a drink and a chat.

Parish Communion service on Tuesdays at 10.00 a.m. Services are led in turn by both vicars in our parish, with lay ministers preaching at some. The service is followed by coffee/tea and time to chat in the lounge.

In need of prayer? If you would like someone to pray 1:1 with you, please speak to the vicar or service leader after the service. Anointing for healing is also offered.

Receiving Communion If you are a baptised believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we welcome you to receive the bread and wine (or just the bread, if you prefer). Come forward to the communion rail when invited. If you would like a prayer of blessing instead, come forward and keep your hands folded.

Please let the welcomers know when you arrive if you require gluten free bread or need to have communion brought to you at your seat.

Home or hospital communion: If you are housebound or in hospital and would like to receive communion, please let the vicar know. We have a team of people authorised to bring you communion at home or in hospital as an extension of our Sunday worship.

Easter services

17th April Maundy Thursday – Passover Seder including communion (see notice)

18th April Good Friday: 9.15 a.m. Meditations at Holy Trinity Church then walk to Queen's Square

11.00 a.m. United Service in Queen's Square

2.00 p.m. Last Hour at the Cross – Christ the Lord Church, Broadfield

What's on?

Annual District Church Meeting Sunday 6th April 9.45 a.m. Please remember to come to church early!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting date 30th April – APCM at HT)

Maundy Thursday Passover 17th April at Holy Trinity. The Parish Communion service on Maundy Thursday will take the form of a Passover celebration, remembering that this was the context of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The event lasts about 3 hours, which passes very quickly. The Passover is essentially a family celebration, so we would love to have all ages present. Singing, worshipping, chatting and enjoying a good meal are all interwoven. Please bring some food to share with others from a buffet (no yeast please). The meal is a central part of the occasion. Wine is also shared throughout the evening; whilst we will have a non alcoholic option for those who require it, those who like wine might wish to leave the car at home. The Church will be available for quiet prayer at the end of the evening. In order that we have an idea how many tables to set out, please sign up on the list in the lounge. If you are eating lamb shanks or roast leg of lamb between now and then, please clean off the bone and keep it (pop it in a bag in the freezer).

Ladies' Easter Event 3.00-5.00 p.m. Hot cross buns, tea and cakes.

We will be decorating the church for Easter on the 19th April at 10.30. Join us if you would like to; no experience is required. We welcome contributions of greenery so if you are planning a spring prune of the garden please remember us. If you would like to donate money please speak to Ian. Finally please support us with prayer.



Lighthouse Project Crawley 95% Prayer Meeting praying for children who have no church connection, is on Sunday 6th April, 7pm, at **Elim Church, Ifield (RH11 0AQ)**. If you long to see children in our town reached for Jesus, do come along and pray for them.

Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use:

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	Chris Witherall	3.30pm–9.00pm	Upper Room
	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Tuesday	U3A	1.30pm-3.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	Max Lewis	4.00pm-5.00pm	Upper Room
Thursday	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall

Please check this list and advise Janet if you are planning a church activity in the building.

Please pray for our various community partners who use our buildings.

We currently have some spare capacity for **hall bookings**, so if you know of an organisation looking for a venue, encourage them to contact the Parish Office.

The Easter Team Foodbank thank you for all your kind and generous giving. Your donations are always gratefully received by the team and by the clients.

Requests for April and EASTER - the team is really in need of **biscuits**, and they would love to give **Easter Eggs** out as well if you can add any to donations it would be much appreciated. Donations can be brought to the service in Holy Trinity on Sunday or Tuesday mornings or left in the crate on the Rectory doorstep in Forester Road at any time (envelopes with donations should be clearly marked and placed in the collection box).

The Easter team

We are a family at Holy Trinity, and when families get together, they chat, and if visitors come in, they are welcomed. When coming to worship God, some people like to be quiet for a while before the service begins. In order to make both of these possible, I would encourage those who are ready to chat to do so in the lounge until just before the service, and those who want to be quieter to come into the church.

Late arrivals welcome Whilst it is lovely to have all the church family together from the start of the service, when possible, we know that getting out on time is a challenge for some. If that's you, please don't stay away. Come in when you can, even if it's not until coffee time.

Romanian Orthodox Church meets in our building most Sunday afternoons. **Holy Trinity folk, please take your belongings with you when you go out to coffee, don't leave them in the church.**

House Group: Meets at Terry & Liz's, fortnightly on Tuesdays.

Lifts needed. Michael & Jeanette need a lift to and from church on Sundays from just off Malthouse Road. Please speak to Michael if you can help.

DCC/PCC As a Team Parish we have a Parochial Church Council (PCC) who are the trustees for the parish, overseeing the work of our churches and with particular responsibility for the finances and safeguarding provision. Each church has representatives on the PCC. Week by week running of the churches is delegated to the District Church Council (DCC for that church). Council members are members of the churches, on the electoral roll. Annual meetings are held in the spring to elect representatives for the coming year. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else to serve, please give Mark Alderton written (paper or email) notice.