



Celebrating Easter Day

Weekly update Sunday 31st March 2024

Without the resurrection the crucifixion of Jesus is just another callous Roman death, along with countless others. But the resurrection transforms not just the story of Jesus, it transforms the whole world order. Death was meant to be final - the end of life - but in rising from the grave Jesus proved that God's power had overcome the biggest of the world's enemies. It is because of this that Paul could quote the Old Testament prophets saying: 'Death where is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Cor 15:54ff)

Verse of the Week

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Collect for today!

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.



Bible Readings

This week's bible readings; Acts 10: 34-43 and John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Next week's bible readings; Acts 4: 32-35 and John 20:19-end

Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 31st March 2024



6.30am Dawn Service, Wareham Quay South

8.00am Easter Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Easter Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Easter Holy Communion Service, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.00am Easter Holy Communion (BCP), St John the Evangelist, East Holme

10.30am Easter Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

10.30am Parish Online Service - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialling: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

Wednesday 3rd April at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin-on-the-Walls

Services in the Parish for beginning Sunday 7th April 2024

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.00am United Parish Communion Service with Angel Voices, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Parish Online Service - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

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Wednesday 10th April at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Martin-on-the-Walls

What is happening in the Parish?

Timing of elections for the PCC and Church Committees:

This is a formal notice informing parishioners of the date **Sunday 14th April 2022** of the forthcoming elections to the PCC and Church Committees. Submission of nomination papers should be sent into the Parish Office by **Friday 12th April 2022**. **This years APCM will take place on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7pm.**

Vacancies as of April 2024;

2 Representatives for the PCC from Lady St Mary church, Wareham

1 Representative for the PCC from Sanford St Martin's church

1 Representative for the PCC from St Nicholas church, Arne



Wholeness and Healing service

The service will be held in The Priory Church of Lady St Mary on **Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.00pm**. This is a quiet reflective service and a time for lifting our needs to the Lord for his blessing. All are welcome, whether you are seeking healing for yourself or others.

Ladies That Lunch and Pray: The next meeting will be Tuesday 16th April 2014. Please bring



a sandwich, lovely cake and drinks will be provided. 12.00 - 14.00pm at the Rectory. For further information or RSVP please contact Linda Tel: 01929 289236 or l.everett1@icloud.com

Going Deeper: Our next Going Deeper evening at Sandford St Martin's church, a time of worship, input from God's word, and time to pray together will be on **Sunday 12th May 2024 at 7pm**. Please note that there will be no meeting in April as there will be an Easter break. All are welcome.

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Open House - at Sandford St Martin's Church - **Thursday 25th April 2024, at 2 pm**. The Talk will be "Being a Vet" There will be a talk, followed by a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle. All are most welcome.



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for

- The signs of new growth and new life, as Spring takes hold and for the beauty of the earth.
- The glorious hope of the resurrection that give us hope, joy and strength to face the challenges of life.
- Our brothers and sister in Christ with whom we share so much.
- Answers to prayer.

We pray to God for:

- Peace and stability in our broken and divided world.
- Those facing redundancy or an uncertain future.
- Those affected by terrorist attacks and criminal violence.
- The police and security services as they seek to maintain law and order.
- For the Church throughout the world, especially in places where there is persecution and antipathy.

Those asking for prayer:

John Cleaton, Terry Holloway, Rose Diment, Mary Binks, Anne Mills, Peter Wood

Sheila Chant wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Anthony Caddy, Carol Barnes, Christine Crowther

Our Mission Prayer: Risen Lord, thank you for the work of Bible Society. Thank you for your Word enabling us to be thoroughly equipped for every good work. May Bible Society have the resources and vision and faithfulness to continue this work throughout the world bringing hope, comfort and challenge as your saving love is made known. Amen.

Parish Prayer Meetings Now that the evenings are lighter, we will be meeting in person in one of our homes every Tuesday at 7.30 pm, except for the 3rd week of each month when we will be in Sandford St Martin's Church on the Wednesday. At the same time, we will ensure that we are on Zoom so that those unable to come in person will still be able to participate. The Zoom link on the weekly notice sheet will be emailed out each Friday or contact Debs at the Parish Office Tel: 550905. Please see dates below:

Month	Meetings in person or by Zoom (if required) on Tuesdays	3 rd Wednesday Sandford Prayer*
April	9 th , 23 rd , 30 th	17 th

*The Sandford meeting is in Sandford St Martin's Church. All are welcome to join us to pray.

Prayers for Peace Jesus said, *'There will be wars and rumours of wars... Nations will rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.'* We do not have to look too far to see this prophecy fulfilled and with open warfare persisting in many parts of the world and political tensions elsewhere it is easy to feel helpless. However, as a church the one thing we can do, and must do, is pray. Prayers for peace are said most days in Lady St Mary church at 5pm it is a time when we can pray for the needs of the world.



Future plans for Not Just Sundaes community café from Thursday afternoon 28th March 2024

Regrettably Not Just Sundaes is unable to continue in its current guise. The business model is no longer viable and the Board of Trustees has taken the difficult decision to suspend the community café whilst we search for a more sustainable operational model. Over the last 13 years, Not Just Sundaes has hosted numerous community groups, community events and supported many individuals. The community café truly has been a safe and inclusive space where all are welcome – remaining true to our original purpose. We are extremely thankful for the hard work, faith and dedication of the management team and volunteers (both past and present) without whom this wouldn't have been possible. In recent years we've weathered the pandemic and cost of living crisis, but like so many in the hospitality industry we have struggled to make ends meet. The Board of Trustees is grateful to our customers and suppliers with whom we will continue to engage. Despite the current challenges, we would ask you to focus upon Not Just Sundaes successes and the many joyful times that we've shared in the cafe. We would stress that this is not the end, merely a pause whilst Not Just Sundaes adapts to the changing world around us. The Board of Trustees will use this pause to explore alternative business models and rediscover our wider sense of purpose, so that we can continue to support our local community into the future.'

Confirmation Classes - Are you interested in confirmation classes? We have some people that are interested but it would be nice to have a group of people so if you would like to find out more, please talk to a member of the Ministry Team.



GREEN TIP - Energy efficient lighting - if you are installing new lights consider using LEDs. They use a lot less energy than normal bulbs so are better for the environment and your pocket.

Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

*Indicates Festival

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 1st April	111	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Tuesday 2nd April	112	Exodus 12:14-36	1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Wednesday 3rd April	113	Exodus 12:37-end	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Thursday 4th April	114	Exodus 13:1-16	1 Corinthians 15:29-34
Friday 5th April	115	Exodus 13:17-14:14	1 Corinthians 15:35-50
Saturday 6th April	116	Exodus 14:15-end	1 Corinthians 15:51-end

Parish Office - The Parish Office is open on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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