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Open to God. Open to one another. Open to the community.

Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Day

CHRIST IS RISEN

First Reading Isaiah 25 6-9
Second Reading Acts 10 34-43
Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Hymns 381 Jesus Christ is risen today
31 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
292 He has risen he has risen
751 Thine be the glory

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 1 April	Matthew 28:8-15	Bank Holiday
Tues 2 April	John 20:11-18	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 3 April	Luke 24:13-35	11am Service 7pm Scriptural Reasoning
Thurs 4 April	Luke 24:35-48	2pm Over 50's
Fri 5 April	John 21:1-14	10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm SNAC
Sat 6 April	Mark 16:9-15	

To watch the live stream of our Sunday service please go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stnicolasearley1496/featured>

'When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here'.

Mark 16:4-6

PRAYER

Collect: 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.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers Easter Sunday (John 20:1-18)

Do not be afraid!

Look, Jesus has risen!

Tell the Good News!

**Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.
Amen.**

Prayer at St Nicolas There are a group of people who love to pray for anything which is on your mind. You can contact Jenny Bryce at 07963 905663 or the office on office@stnicolas.org.uk or write a card and put it in the prayer box in church. All requests in the box are prayed at Morning prayer at 9am Monday - Thursday.

Please feel free to join our 6pm Prayer group every Sunday on [Zoom](#) Meeting ID 872 7137 1558 Or join us in person Monday - Thursday at 9am

Sunday 7 April 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter



First Reading
 Second Reading
 Gospel Reading
 Psalm

Acts 4 32-35
 1 John 1 1-22
 John 20:19-end
 133

Hymns

87 Breathe on me breath of God
 401 Jesus stand among us
 352 In Christ alone
 454 Lord for the years

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	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 8 April	Luke 1:26-38	10am Babies & Bumps 2.30pm Tea and Tinies
Tues 9 April	John 3:7-15	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2.15pm Mothers' Union Meeting
Weds 10 April	John 3:16-21	11am Service
Thurs 11 April	John 3:31-end	2pm Over 50s
Fri 12 April	John 6:1-15	10am-Community Coffee Morning 2pm SNAC
Sat 13 April	John 6:16-21	

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'Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' John 20:21-23

PRAYER

Collect: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers 2nd Sunday of Easter (John 20:19-31)

Beyond our locked doors

Jesus shares his wounds and says:

"Peace be upon you"

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:
Look favorably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery;
by the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation;
let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Lord God

Open our ears to hear afresh the story of Easter
Open our minds to understand Your sacrificial love
Open our heart to know Your forgiveness
Open our lips to sing Your praises
Open our lives to the wonder and joy of Easter
Amen

Notices

We will be **Decorating Church ready for Easter on Saturday 30th March from 10am**. As always we welcome anyone who would like to come along and get involved. There will be hot cross buns and a cuppa to keep you going!



A huge thank you to Maggie & Denise and the lovely ladies from SNAC (St Nicolas afternoon club) who between the SNAC Easter Sale and the Cake & Craft Sale have raised £210! Thank you to everyone who helped and all who purchased, this is a brilliant amount towards St Nics!

We look forward to a Craft Afternoon at the next Mothers' Union meeting on Tuesday 9th April in the



Church at 2.15pm. There will be opportunities to crochet, make cards and brooches. Experts on all three of these activities will be available to help you. There will be refreshments available. All are welcome.



As I am sure you have noticed the garden is around St Nics is springing forth! So thank you to Stephen Kerry who has already cut the grass several times this year and to Maggie for all her hard work on the long border in the car park, it has certainly paid off as it is looking bright and beautiful, thank you!



Spend a Penny! As you all know we are trying to raise funds to twin our toilets in the St Nicolas Centre. Every day, over 700 children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene. Toilet Twinning funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets. So we are asking if you can bring us your pennies to help raise the necessary funds. A Collection basket can be found in the Servedy. Thank you!

Notices



Do you need a quiet space for rest, reflection or prayer?

The Quiet Garden Movement is an international network of over 250 Quiet Gardens offering rest, solitude, spiritual nurture, reflection or prayer in nature. Affiliated Quiet Gardens, which are those hosted by Christians, are open to people of all faiths or none. They offer the treasures of contemplative prayer and the unsung benefit of silence in a welcoming environment. They may be of any size but generally have capacity for a modest number of people.

Find a Quiet Garden near you this spring: <https://quietgarden.org/visit-a-garden/find-a-garden/>



St Nics Pub Night - Thursday 4 April at 7.30pm at the Three Tuns Pub, 191 Wokingham Road RG6 1LT.

Come along for a chat and a drink and maybe a cheeky pudding. The first Thursday of every month. For more details please contact Eleanor 07879 820367 Everyone welcome.

FREE performances in
Forbury Gardens, Reading, RG1 3BB
Thursday 28th March – 6.00pm
Friday 29th March – 1.30pm
Saturday 30th March – 2.00pm



THE READING
PASSION PLAY 2024
A new production by RISE Theatre

Part of The Gate's Easter Festival, Forbury Gardens
28th–30th March www.thegate.uk.com
Performances last approx 1 hour and include a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. Bring a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on!





Men's Curry Club



*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 03 April 2024.**

Rajmoni Restaurant, Maiden Place, Lower Earley

Come along and enjoy the welcome!

ca. £30 for a poppadum, 2 courses, 2 drinks & tip.

Contact David Pooler for details



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Berkshire Historic Churches Trust
THE ENGLEFIELD LECTURE 2024



Going to Church in medieval Berkshire

Professor Nicholas Orme, FSA FRHistS
*Emeritus Professor of Medieval History,
University of Exeter*

What was it like to go to church in medieval England? What did churches look like? Were there seats? What were the services like, and how did congregations respond? And what about the clergy?

In his recent and highly-acclaimed book, *Going to Church in Medieval England*, (it was a *Daily Telegraph* Book of the Year in 2021), Professor Orme explored all these questions and more, with a wealth of vignettes that brought the story vividly to life – examples of often colourful but sometimes dingy churches, mostly (though not always) educated and conscientious clergy, and congregations of variable attentiveness. Some folk, it seemed, 'come only for the manner [*i.e.* the fashion] and for no devotion, nor for no profit of their soul, and such fall soon asleep', though for many, attendance was more than a duty; there was evidently a strong and widespread belief in keeping the Sabbath holy, and people attended out of a genuine piety.

in St Mark's church, Englefield, Reading RG7 5EL
at 2:30pm on Saturday 13 April, 2024
Tickets £15 including tea after the lecture

Book online at www.TicketSource.co.uk/Berkshire-Churches-Trust
or phone Marion Elly (01628 482637)