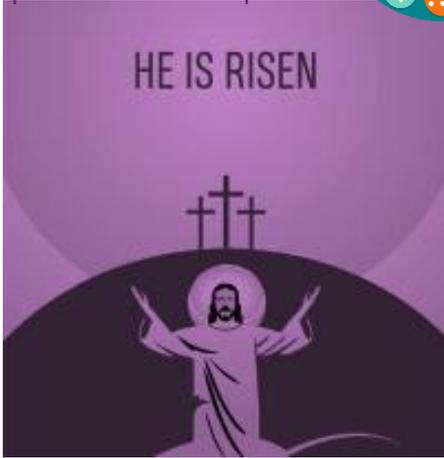




Open to God. Open to one another. Open to the community.



Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2,14-24

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Hymns

381 Jesus Christ is risen today

533 Now the green blade riseth

760 This is the day that the Lord has made

31 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks

34 Amazing grace

33 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 6 April	Matthew 28:8-15	Bank Holiday 2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 7 April	John 20:11-18	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 8 April	Luke 24:13-35	11am Communion Service
Thurs 9 April	Luke 24:35-48	2pm Over 50s
Fri 10 April	John 21:1-14	10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm -4.30pm SNAC - Knit & Natter
Sat 11 April	Mark 16:9-15	

To watch the live stream of our Sunday service please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stnicolasearley1496/featured>

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **John 20: 1-5**

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.

Almighty God,

On this glorious Easter morning,
we lift our hearts in praise for the victory of Your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has broken the power of sin and death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

As the stone was rolled away from the tomb,
roll away the shadows of doubt and fear from our hearts.

Fill us with the light of the risen Christ,
that we may walk as children of the resurrection,
bearing witness to His love in word and deed.

Grant that, by Your Spirit,
we may live as people of hope in a world of uncertainty,
bringing peace where there is conflict,
compassion where there is need,
and joy where there is sorrow.

Through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please feel free to join our **6pm Prayer group every Sunday** on [Zoom](#) Meeting ID 872 7137 1558 we will be praying for the needs of the world and our community

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 for on a Sunday morning by our Prayer Ministry Team.

NOTICES:

Maundy Thursday Service: For those wishing to participate in the hand/foot washing, please bring a towel and a bowl for water. 😊

Please note the service on Good Friday is at 2pm and not 3pm as previously advertised.



This Saturday 4 April from 10am. Please feel free to come and help, and we will ensure you keep going with hot cross buns and tea and coffee!



MOTHERS UNION – Tuesday 14th April at 2pm This meeting is to be a talk by Elaine about her visit to Buckingham Palace to receive an MBE from the Queen. All are welcome.

The Food Bank is currently short of:

Toilet Rolls , tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, tinned sweetcorn, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, crisps and long-life milk. The request for long-life milk is particularly urgent. Thank you!



BOARD GAMES CAFÉ

🕒 Every Tuesday 10am – Midday



St Nicolas
Church + Centre



Good Friday

Family Activity Morning

Free

Easter craft activities,
egg hunt in the garden,
plant making & the Easter story
Yummy Hot Cross Buns too!



3rd April 2026

10am-12pm



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Coffee Morning - Pets As Therapy

The Mayor of Earley invites you to a charity coffee morning with a difference, where you can meet some therapy dogs and chat to their owners. The University of Reading will also be running a workshop where you can decorate some bunting that will be displayed at their Community Festival event in May. Plenty of tea, coffee and cake! Donations gratefully received in aid of the Mayor's chosen charity, Pets As Therapy.

When: Wednesday 8 April from 10:30 - 12:30

Where: Maiden Place Community Centre, Earley RG6 3HD

Contact: 0118 988 5923

Cost: Free

Booking required: No

Easter Lunch - Earley Crescent Resource Centre

Enjoy an Easter themed community lunch and have an opportunity to meet new people. 2-courses, cash only.

When: Thursday 9 April from 13:00

Where: Earley Crescent Centre, Warbler Drive, Lower Earley RG6 4HB

Contact: Jane Cant at cantjane@gmail.com / 0118 921 0555

Cost: £7.50

Booking required: Yes

Open Day - Thrive Reading

Explore the beautiful gardens, discover more about the work they do and have an opportunity to buy plants, produce and indulge in some delicious homemade cake.

When: Thursday 9 April from 14:00 - 16:00

Where: Thrive, Beech Hill Road, Beech Hill RG7 2AT

Contact: 01189 884 844 / trunkwell@thrive.org.uk

Cost: Entry by donation

Booking required: No

Following Jesus Exhibition

Monday 30th March - Friday 1st May 2026

Art Space at St Nicolas Earley

Following Jesus



**Exhibition of Paintings
by Emma Major**

Stanzas of Grace and Light

Book Launch and Poetry Reading by Emma Major

1130am Sunday 19th April in St Nicolas Church

Stanzas of Grace and Light



Written by Emma Major

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust
THE ENGLEFIELD LECTURE, 2026

Elias Ashmole's Church Notes of Berkshire 1665-66
His other Cabinet of Curiosities

by Dr Adrian Ailes, FSA

Monday 20 April 2026, in the Long Gallery, Englefield House, RG7 5EN
at 7.30 (doors open at 7.00)

Elias Ashmole (1617-1692), Windsor Herald of Arms, politician, astrologer and student of alchemy, is perhaps best remembered today as an antiquary and collector. His extraordinary collection of artifacts – his 'cabinet of curiosities' – was bequeathed to the University of Oxford, where it formed the basis of the Ashmolean Museum.

Less well known are the church notes of Berkshire, his other 'cabinet of curiosities', which he compiled during his heraldic visitation of Berkshire in 1665-and 1666. In these notes he recorded, and sometimes made drawings of, local monumental brasses, sculpted effigies of men, women and children, tombs, incised slabs, wall monuments, carved shields and badges, roof bosses and stained-glass windows. They form an extremely valuable record of these monuments and of the appearance of the interiors of churches in the mid-seventeenth century.

In his lecture, Dr Ailes will look at what Ashmole found, highlighting his more interesting discoveries, many of which no longer exist.

Dr Adrian Ailes was formerly Head of Early Modern Records at The National Archives and is currently an Honorary Research Associate at the University of Bristol. An authority on heraldry, he has lectured widely and has an extensive list of publications to his name, most recently an acclaimed edition of the *Church Notes*, published by the Harleian Society in 2024.

Tickets, £17, to include a glass of wine, are available from
TicketSource at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/berkshire-churches-trust>

Bix Walk the Country

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Saturday
25th April 2026



Walk 5 or 10 miles in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside and raise money to transform lives with Christian Aid.

Start between 9am and 12 midday from Bix Village Hall, Rectory Lane between Henley & Nettlebed. The postcode has caused confusion but google maps does respond to 'Montessori School Bix' which happens during the week in the Village Hall.

Get sponsored for walking for Christian Aid or make a donation on the day.

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