

**PARISHES of OLD SHOREHAM & KINGSTON BUCI  
Churches of St Nicolas, St Giles and St Julian**

**Notice Sheet 20th April 2025**

**Calendar of Services and Events**

<p><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day</b></p>	<p>St Nicolas 8.30 am Eucharist with Easter Eggs St Nicolas 10 am Eucharist &amp; renewal of baptismal vows, the Easter Garden and Easter eggs St Giles 10am Eucharist &amp; renewal of baptismal vows, the Easter Garden and Easter egg hunt St Julian 10 am Eucharist &amp; renewal of baptismal vows, the Easter Garden and Easter egg hunt</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>St Julian 10am Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>St Giles 10 am Morning Prayer St Giles 9 am – 11.30 am Pop up Coffee</p>
<p><b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>St Giles 3pm Messy Church</p>
<p><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>St Nicolas 8.30 am Eucharist St Nicolas 10 am Eucharist St Nicolas 6 pm Evensong St Julian 10 am Eucharist</p>

**Sunday Readings**

**First Reading:** Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Third Reading:** John 20.1-18

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and

went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Collect**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings for 27<sup>th</sup> of April:** Acts 5.27-32, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31

## **For our Prayers**

**Those in need of our prayers specifically:** John R, Jocelyn A, Jean M, Pauline R, Albus, Dave, Amy, Sue, Vanessa T, Patricia C, Ann W, Frank & Suzi Bishop, Buster.

**Those whose anniversary is at this time of the year:** Sue Stevens, Roddy Stevens, Ken Knight, Gerry Powell, Michael Anderson-Upcott, Wendy Tidy, Fr Tom Winter, Christopher Baldwin, John Yates, George Taylor, Elkin Shepley and Wynne Cousens.

## **Intercessions**

The response to 'Lord may we know you' is **and the power of your resurrection**

Blessed are you, Lord God our Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, we rejoice and celebrate that he who was dead is alive and he who was buried is risen - make us aware of the presence of Christ in our lives

Lord may we know you **And the power of your resurrection**

We pray for your church throughout the world, that isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter We remember the churches in the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray for our local churches that we may be beacons of light in your world.

Lord may we know you **And the power of your resurrection**

We pray for all who are struggling for peace, all who are longing for new hope and new life.

We remember all war-torn countries, and those places that have suffered devastation as a result of natural disasters - for the people who have lost their loved ones, homes and livelihoods and been forced to become refugees;

We pray for all who are seeking to rebuild communities and lives, all who are bringing new life and courage to oppressed peoples,

We pray that through God's power war and famine may cease throughout the world. We pray that the worlds leaders may govern wisely and compassionately as they seek true justice, that there may be peace on earth.

Lord may we know you **And the power of your resurrection**

Creator God we pray for all whose lives are being threatened by global warming caused by us. We ask that we play our part in helping to restore the damage we have done We pray that through your healing power your wonderful creation can be renewed.

Lord may we know you **And the power of your resurrection**

We pray for homes where there is violence or neglect,

In you risen Lord, may relationships be strengthened and renewed;

In you Lord, may hurts be healed and well-being restored.

Let the power of resurrection be known in our homes that they may be places of love.

We pray for the sick, for all who walk in darkness, for all who are in pain and all who have lost hope, We pray for those who have been recently bereaved.

We pray for those on our prayer lists and for anyone known personally to us We ask that they may feel your loving presence surrounding them

Lord may we know you, **And the power of your resurrection.**

We remember now those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries falls at this

time. May we seek to know they rejoice where sorrow and pain are no more

Lord may we know you, **And the power of your resurrection**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## Notices

**St Nics Coffee and Cake** - Saturday 26th April 10.00am to 12midday. Everyone welcome.

**St Nicolas Church** - we would welcome any donations towards our Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones. We always appreciate your generosity. Please give donations to Churchwardens Sue or Gill. Many thanks.

**St Giles Fair - Saturday May 3rd 2pm - 4pm.** Stalls including gifts, plants, books, toys, and homemade cakes, plus teas and coffees. Music and some children's activities and a raffle. Any donations for the stalls will be welcome. Contact Penny, Gill or Susan.

**Evening Prayer.** Please join us at St Julian's church on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30 pm for a short, quiet service of reflection and prayer. Everyone is very welcome.

**Shoreham Chamber Choir Spring Concert Friday May 9th at 7.30pm at St Giles Church.** Tickets include a glass of wine - £12 on the door or £10 if prepaid to Choir members or to Penny Joseph at St Giles.

**WaterAid Lent Appeal.** Please bring your jars of change to church as soon as possible now. As soon as we have a total, we will let you know how much was raised. Visit <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/lent-appeal> for more information.

**Preparation of a new electoral roll:** Kingston Buci 2025. Everyone who wishes to be included on the new electoral roll must complete a new application form. The form will be available in church each Sunday and needs to be completed by 10 May. For more information contact Susan Saunders, Electoral Roll Officer on 07813976166 or the churchwardens.

**St Nicolas save the date:** May 14th St Nics and St Mary's School Choir at 2.30pm in aid of Christian Aid.

**Lost Key** - we have reports of a lost key in the churchyard. It is on a keyring with Concorde aircraft on it and of great sentimental value. If anyone finds it please hand it to the churchwardens.

Our **Pastoral Care Team** does a wonderful job of visiting the care homes in our community. If you can help with these, regularly or just occasionally, please contact Vanessa Thompson on 07808 752304 or Rev. Pat

<b>Cavell House</b> (Last Monday, 3 p.m.)  28 Apr, 26 May, 30 Jun.	<b>New Elmcroft</b> (2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m.)  14 May, 11 Jun.	<b>Kingsland House</b> (3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m.)  15 May, 19 Jun.	<b>Kathleen's Lodge</b> (2nd Thursday, 11 a.m.)  14 May, 13 Jun.
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## Reflection

*But on the first day of the week, Luke tells us, at early dawn, (the women) came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone*

*rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.*

Luke records that the women were not just nervous or even frightened. They were, he tells us, *terrified*.

Terror is part of our world today. Terrorism and terrorists are part of life. And many people have times when they are more than just a little frightened. Things, life, the world seem to have got out of control for them. We can all, I am sure, think of times when we have to some degree felt as those women did.

The message of Easter is not simply the story of something wonderful that happened two thousand years ago. It is the story of Someone who is with us now through the power of changed lives. Those terrified women dared to go and tell the disciples what had happened. Their lives were changed. The men did not believe them at first. They thought it was an "idle tale", silly women who had got themselves upset.

But they changed their tune when Peter went to look for himself and experienced for himself what had happened. And that passing on of the faith has continued to this day. And people believe that faith not because they are argued into changing their minds but because they see lives changed by it.

We celebrate the risen Lord this Easter. Risen two thousand years ago but also present through the power of changed lives. Even terror can be overcome.

*Jesus lives! Your terrors now  
can, O death, no more appal us:  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
you, O grave, cannot enthrall us:  
Alleluia!*

Fr Paul

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**We have a new Church Secretary in charge of the newsletter. For all future enquires relating to the newsletter, please use the following email: [newsletterchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterchurch1@gmail.com)**

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