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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

SUNDAY 5th April

Easter Day

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| TODAY'S SERVICES 8AM: Said Eucharist at Church 10AM: Sung Eucharist (Rev Sandra) at Church followed by refreshments in the Church hall HYMNS: 110, 117, 104 BBC, 120 | Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is risen. He is our paschal sacrifice. Let us feast with joy and praise our God! Alleluia, alleluia. |
| Motet: Blessed be the God and Father – <i>Wesley</i> (sheet) | Voluntary: Trumpet Tune – <i>John Stanley</i> |
| Birthdays: Audrey Linney, Revd Ruth Loveman and Heidi Marklew | Retiring Collection: The Blendworth Centre |
| THIS WEEK'S DIARY | |
| Monday 6th April | Tuesday 7th April 2PM: Knit & Natter Group in the Church hall |
| Wednesday 8th April 10AM: Said Eucharist at Church followed by refreshments in the Church hall 11AM: St George's Prayer Group at Church | Thursday 9th April |
| Friday 10th April <i>Walsingham Pilgrimage Day 1</i> | Saturday 11th April <i>Walsingham Pilgrimage Day 2</i> |
| Next Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter – Low Sunday) <i>Walsingham Pilgrimage Day 3</i> 8AM: Said Eucharist (Fr Tyrone) at Church 10AM: Sung Eucharist (Fr Tyrone) at Church followed by refreshments in the Church hall | Readings Next Week Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21 Psalm 16 Acts 2.14a,22-32 John 20.19-31 |

Lent Lunches - a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Lent lunches over the last 5 weeks. We made an amazing profit of £660 - £330 will go to St George's and £330 to The Rowans Hospice.

Today we read the Banns of Marriage for the first time for Jamie Robert Skeates and Billie-Leigh Lewis. We pray for them as they prepare for their marriage.

The Flower Show May 15th, 16th and 17th. The theme this year is 'the seasons throughout the church year's. Anyone interested in having a display that represents one of the church groups/activities or would like to help by stewarding during the show dates please speak to Sarah Canham. We would also be very grateful for any donations towards the cost of purchasing flowers for the arrangements. We also plan to have a plant stall at the show and if anyone has plants we could sell we would be most grateful for any donations.

APCM Sunday 19th April :

- There is a list at the back of church to sign up for a hard copy of the report if you do not have access to a computer.
- We have 2 vacancies on the PCC. If you are interested in joining this lively but hard working team, please speak to Jane Cook .
- Copies of the approved St George's 2025 accounts are available at the back of the Church. Any questions can be addressed at the meeting.
- Parish lunch following the APCM. Tickets £10 available from Jane Cook or a member of S & F team. All welcome.

Coffee after 8am Eucharist: Coffee at the Exchange on the third Sunday each month, the next will be on 19th April. All are most welcome.

2026 Waterlooville Music Festival, 3rd – 7th June, tickets now on sale from [Waterlooville Music Festival event tickets from TicketSource](https://www.waterloovillemusicfestival.org.uk). Further details can be found on the festival's website www.waterloovillemusicfestival.org.uk. Tickets will also be available from Thistle Wool Shop in Cowplain, Keys Travel on Highfield Parade and Waterlooville Fruit and Veg after Easter.

Volunteers needed to join the Holy Dusters rota for a couple of hours on a Thursday morning. Please speak to Patricia or a Churchwarden.

The Easter 2026 edition of St George's News is now published, copies available at the back of church. Price 50p or £2 annually.

Food bank currently have an enormous amount of cereals which owing to lack of storage space we cannot accept any more donations until further notice. We thank you for your generous gifts. Please check the "use by" dates on gifts you donate as we are governed by the same rules as shops & cannot issue out of date products. Please continue to give whatever you are able. All gifts are received thankfully.

Heavenly Father, in the abundance of your love, You have given us more than we could ever comprehend. Today, we come before You with a prayer for a generous heart. Teach us to give freely. Help us to understand that in giving we are reflecting Your image, Your generosity, and Your love. Lord, guide our hearts to see the needs around us, to reach out without hesitation, and to offer what we can. In our giving, remind us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Let that truth settle deeply within us, stirring us to live generously in all aspects of our life. Amen

The search for a mums and toddlers leader has resumed. If you know anyone who might help the parish to restart this valuable and appreciated activity please encourage them to make contact with any of the PCC or Churchwardens.

The PCC recently discussed a report on our organ which highlighted that many electrical parts are, after over 50 years of use, wearing out and need replacing. Thanks to a generous grant from Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust, we are hoping to raise funds to do the urgent work over the summer. If you felt able to assist towards the work, any donations, small or great, would be most appreciated.

Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers This Week

Fr Colin, Anne Bailey, Jim Jones, Johnny Blake, Fr Charles, Laura Cezanne, Rosa Miller and Cath Godwin.

We Remember all who have died recently and **Violet Brown, Daisy Mitchell, Betty Herbert, Elsie Slaughter, Jack Campton, June Bradley and Pat Wark** whose anniversary falls at this time.

