



Fourth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S SERVICES

10 AM: Streamed Sung Eucharist (Fr Colin) – see details below

- **Hymns** At the Name of Jesus Come ye faithful Raise the Anthem
- Motet The Lord is my Shepherd

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Birthdays this week: Wendy Dancer; Shirley Martin; Linda Chamberlain.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY Wednesday 6th May

10 AM: Streamed Said Eucharist on our website / YouTube

Readings Next Week

Acts 7:55-end (or Genesis 8:1-19) Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (or 31:1-5) 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Our streamed services have now been up and running for two weeks and, after a first week of trying to iron out the broadcasting problems, we hope that you are finding it a better viewing experience as we go along. And we will get better.

One of the benefits of streaming services is that we get to see the stats of how many people are watching (so no need for the clicker at the back of the church Jane Cook!).

Sunday 19 th April - 182	Sunday 26 th April - 142
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Wednesday 22nd April - 55

Wednesday 29th April - 41

These numbers don't tell the whole story however as in quite a lot of houses, there will be more than one person watching.

This is great news and shows that our streamed services are contributing, in part at least, to holding St George's church together (and possibly even, God willing, introducing new people to faith).

We are so happy to receive feedback on our services so please do not hesitate to call or email Fr Colin or Chris to let us know what you think.

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Access to our streamed services can be found through our website (click <u>http://www.stgeorgesnews.org/resources.html</u>) or if you have YouTube on your TV or computer simply search for St George's Church Waterlooville and you should find our channel.

Would you like to read a lesson at one of our services? It is very straightforward to be joined to the broadcasts. Please email <u>chris@scconsultant.co.uk</u> and let him know, or contact Fr Colin.

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A free phone line called Daily Hope has been launched to bring worship and prayer into people's homes, during the lockdown period while church buildings are closed.

The number (which is available 24 hours a day) is **0800 804 8044**.

Callers to the line hear a short greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

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A new telephone service has been introduced by the Parish Giving Office, which will enable new gifts to be set up solely over the phone. Please read the attached leaflet if you would like more information on this service.

Should you decide to go ahead with this, then you will need the PGS code for St George's which is 290629075. This will ensure that any donations are correctly forwarded to us. Many thanks.

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The Church of England has launched a new programme to help families pray together.

#FaithAtHome, which launched on 30th April, will feature weekly video content to help families to talk about faith and pray together.

The videos will be led by children, young people, staff and school leaders from across the country.

Over the next three months, #FaithAtHome will explore themes including courage, patience, generosity, resilience, love and hope.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has also given the first national school assembly at the Oak National Academy on 30th April.

The assembly will be followed by weekly collective worship, provided in partnership by the Church of England and Oak National Academy, with content drawn from #FaithAtHome.

The #FaithAtHome programme will run for an initial 11 weeks and can be accessed at churchofengland.org/faithathome

Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers This Week

Shelley Lazlett, Geoff, Anna Chapman, Christopher, Richard Rundle, Martyn Lawlor, Hillary, Madison, Amy, Carmell, Christine, Ray Kent, Sandra Hewett, Spencer, Margaret Cavey, John Haughton, Pete Martin, Anne Brown, Pete, Fr Beau Brandie, Jenny Pilling, Fr Charles, June Webster.

We Remember Evelyn Campion, John Graham and Ken Pask, who have died recently and Wendy Clark, whose anniversary falls at this time.

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LAUNCH OF NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE



The PGS is delighted to announce the launch of a new telephone service, designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular Direct Debit donation to your parish **over the phone**.

How will it work?

The service will go live on **Monday 27th April 2020** and will operate weekdays between 9 - 5pm.

Please encourage prospective donors to set up a regular gift to your parish by calling our dedicated telephone line:

0333 002 1271

One of our administrators will take them through the sign up process – this normally takes around 15 minutes. They will need to have the following information to hand:

- Personal bank account details
- The name of the parish they wish to donate to
- They will need to confirm if they want to increase their gift in line with inflation each year
- Confirm if they are eligible for Gift Aid
- The PGS code for their parish (usually 9 digits in length) *

*Note: This is the one piece of information that the donor will not have. <u>Please</u> ensure they have this information, to guarantee the gift goes to the correct parish.

What happens next?

Donors will receive written confirmation (by email or post) of their Direct Debit, including details of the parish they are supporting, the amount of their gift and the date of their first donation.

Please note that if they currently give to the church via standing order, we advise them to wait until receiving the confirmation letter from PGS before attempting to cancel it.

How will our parish be notified of the donation?

The parish's Planned Giving representative will receive a monthly statement, detailing the names of those who have donated (unless they choose to remain anonymous) and all the gifts given through the PGS.

What if they need to change their donation?

If donors wish to make any changes to their Direct Debit, they should notify a member of the PGS team by phone 0333 002 1260, email <u>info@parishgiving.org.uk</u> or in writing to the address below.

Praise for the new service:

"I found the ease of using the new telephone service very satisfactory. The whole process was efficient and only took 15 minutes. The staff were very helpful and I would thoroughly recommend this service." **Dr Simon Thorp, Eastbourne St Saviour**

