

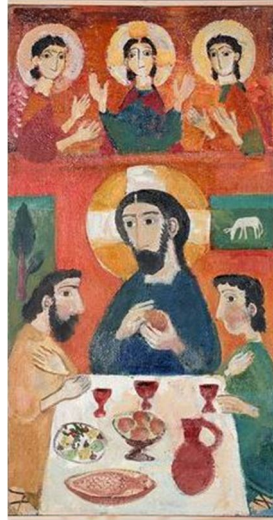
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

April 2021

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Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually
in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship collect 3rd Sunday after Easter



EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday

2.15 – 3.0 Devotions
(Vigil in church from 12.0)

Easter Sunday

10.0 Parish Communion
6.30 Possible open air Communion
(further information to come)

We thank you
that Easter is not about
a people,
but all people,
that your love
and your Salvation
are for all who confess
with voices, hearts and lives
that the tomb is empty
because Jesus is risen,
that we might know
forgiveness,
that lives might be
reborn
and your name
glorified
now and for eternity.

Safeguarding

If anyone would like to do
an online safeguarding
training, please ask the vicar
for more information.

Care for Creation

The latest newsletter
can be found on
<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/care-for-creation-march>

A Moment of Stillness from the Heart of the City

from St John's, Smith Square,
Holy Week Festival 2021
28th March – 4th April

With some of the world's finest
musicians, this week-long
programme celebrates the vast
range of music composed for Lent
and Easter. This year this collection
of unique performances and
atmospheric liturgical events in
online and free
for everyone to enjoy!
See <https://www.tenebrae-choir.com/>

Saving Beauty:

Cultivating an abundant heart in a time of pandemic

An online retreat with Dr Mark S Burrows
Zoom Sessions to be held
on Saturday 1st May, 2.00pm till 6.00pm
Joining instructions will be sent to those
registering - please register online,
at <http://www.ocsg.uk.net/>
or email info@ocsg.uk.net.
Suggested donation £15 - £25

Very many congratulations

to Sandford's Talking Shop – to managers
and volunteers - on the 10th anniversary
of the Saturday Market – they make a
huge contribution to our community.
Volunteers always welcome – see the
current Link for information.

Bishop Steven's blog

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

**Happily we are still permitted to meet on Sundays
for the 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion and 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer,**

masked, socially distanced and with all the recommended Covid precautions and hygiene in place.

Of course there will be people who prefer to wait a bit longer before joining us, and the online Diocesan
service is still available in its regular 10 am slot and is designed for them - the order of service,
together with links to view or listen to the service, is posted on the website on Saturdays:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

**If you would like to join Littlemore church's Sunday Zoom service,
please email margreetarmistead@btinternet.com who will send you a link each week.**

SUNDAYS in April 2021 Year A

Thursday 1st April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. **Holy Communion – Last Supper.**
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13 *Footwashing*

Friday 2nd April GOOD FRIDAY

2.15 – 3.0 p.m. **Devotions** (Vigil in church 12-2.15)

Sunday 4th April EASTER SUNDAY

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 *Earliest Creed – and a list of some appearances of the Risen Christ to his disciples*

Or Acts 10.34-43 *Peter tells his Gentile converts about Jesus' life, death, resurrection and future, calling for faith.*

John 20.1-18 *Mary Magdalene finds the tomb disturbed and tells the others. Peter and the Beloved Disciple run to see – and believe. The risen Lord appears to Mary and says he is alive with God.*

6.30 p.m. **Evening prayer**

Sunday 11th April Easter 2 Low Sunday

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

1 John 1.1-2.2 *The epistle reminds us of the Incarnation and Atonement*

Acts 4.32-5 *The lectionary sets bits of Acts in place of Old Testament readings during Easter season as the Jerusalem church proclaims Jesus 'risen' – vindicated by God, active through his Spirit.*

John 20.19-31 *Doubting Thomas is convinced by a vision. We are blessed if we don't need one. Trust does not depend on sight – it is enough to know Jesus and spot the signs of his risen life on earth.*

6.30 p.m. **Evening prayer**

Sunday 18th April Easter 2

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

1st Epistle of John 3.1-7 *God our Father loves his children. We know him and look forward to God's future. God is righteous and wants us to do right, avoiding sin.*

Or Acts 3.12-19 *Peter explains that God has glorified Jesus. He was handed over to Pilate in ignorance but God's putting the world to rights involved the suffering of his innocent agent. It's now up to us to turn to him and let him wipe the slate clean.*

Luke 24.36-48 *Jesus appears to his disciples and convinces them he is not an illusion. If we understand the Bible rightly we will recognize Jesus as God's chosen instrument to save the world.*

6.30 p.m. **Evening prayer**

Sunday 25th April Easter 3

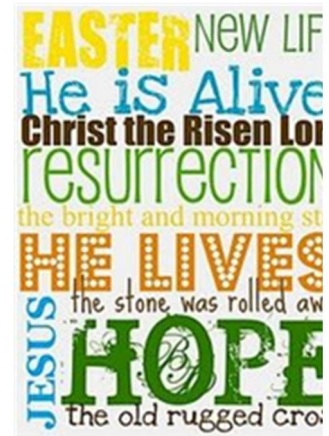
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

1 John 3.16.23 *God's love is visible in the death of Jesus. When I survey . . . Whether or not God's love is at work in us will be clear from how we respond to someone we see or hear about in need. His instruction to us is to trust him and love one another as he loves us*

Or Acts 4.5-12 *Peter addresses the religious authorities in Jerusalem. It's God's power that enabled him to heal the man who needed help - God made known in Jesus crucified and risen. Salvation here.*

John 10.11-18 *Jesus is seen as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life to protect his flock. He knows us all by name – and has others coming to him too. We will connect with them. Everything that Jesus is and does comes from God his Father and ours.*

6.30 p.m. **Evening prayer**



Among the many people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind

those we know who are unwell,
especially **Jean Lee and Gwen Beaver;**

all those in care, including **Joan Inston, Tom Dalton, Betsy Livingstone and Brenda Graham,**
and residents of Vale House, especially **Gwyneth, Father John Bagley and the staff who care for them.**