Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

W hy do You Look among the Dead for One who is Alive?



Looking for Jesus in the tomb is a futile exercise, a wild goose chase. For even though the women took careful note when Jesus was buried of how he was laid out (so that they knew what would have to be done when they came after the Sabbath to embalm him) they had done so in vain, and they had prepared their oils and ointments in vain.

Up to that moment they were still dead in their unbelief. Who knows what thoughts were going through their minds? Yet he had said he would rise on the third day—and here he was—gone before them to Galilee, as he promised.

We had better make sure we don't look for him among the dead either, for he is risen—and we can now choose to be alive in him!

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Easter Sunday (20th April 2025)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Procession & Choral Mass

18.30 Festival Choral Evensong & Procession

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15 TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

 THURSDAY
 Mass 17.30

 FRIDAY
 Mass 12.15

 SATURDAY
 Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday 24th April Lunchtime Concert 12.15

Friday 25th April

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 26th April

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Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

Tickets for Tower Tours are available from the church Gift Shop in the week prior to the tour taking place.



Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

EASTER SUNDAY - PROCESSION & CHORAL MASS

Introit: This joyful Eastertide (arr Charles Wood)

Processional Hymn: 147

Setting: Schubert in G

Collect Prayer

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. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10.34-43

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 141

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke Glory to you, O Lord Luke 24.1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb of Jesus, 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 159

Communion Motet: Easter (Five Mystical Songs)

(Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Post-Communion Hymn: 151

Voluntary: Finale (Symphony no. 1) (Louis Vierne)

FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG & PROCESSION

Introit: Haec Dies (Thomas Morley)

Responses: Tomkins

Psalm(s): 105

First Lesson: Isaiah 43.1-21

Hymn: 152

Canticles: Stanford in C

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father

(Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

Processional Hymn: 157

Voluntary: Postlude in D op. 105 no. 6

(Charles Villiers Stanford)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 20th April - Easter Sunday

- Alleluia, Christ is risen!
 He is risen indeed, alleluia!
- ♦ Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- ♦ Marcus Beddoe

Monday 21st April

- For the vocation to be Christ's disciples
- ♦ Mbeere The Anglican Church of Kenya

Tuesday 22nd April

- That children and young people may know the
 Easter story
- ♦ Mbhashe The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
 ♦ Olga Hehir

Wednesday 23rd April

- Thanking the elderly, for a lifetime of witness
- ♦ Meath and Kildare The Church of Ireland
- ♦ Brian Charter; Douglas Parkinson

Thursday 24th April

- For new workers as missionaries and pioneers
- ♦ Medak The Church of South India (United)
- ♦ Dorothy Cave

Friday 25th April

- For vocations to the ordained and religious life
- ♦ Central Melanesia Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ♦ Robert Harding; Ralph Key

Saturday 26th April

- For the renewal of church and faith in our country
- ♦ Melbourne The Anglican Church of Australia
- ♦ George Chegwin; Elsie Bates; Frederick Gascoyne
- · Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ♦ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ♦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin; Rosemary Cain; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Peter Hill; Dorothy; Margaret Seddon

♦ David McGhie, RIP

Lunchtime Recitals

The new season of lunchtime recitals begins this coming Thursday, 24th April, at 12.15pm with tenor Alex Kirkland. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the music fund.

Tower Tours

The new season begins this coming weekend with tours at 2.30pm on Friday and Saturday. Tickets available from the Gift Shop.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's APCM will follow Mass and refreshments, around 12.10pm, on Sunday 11th May.

RNCM Student Organ Recital

Students of the Junior Royal Northern College of Music will be putting the great T C Lewis organ through its paces on Saturday 24th May at 6pm. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the music fund.

Next Sunday - 27th April - Easter II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19-end

18.30 Sung Compline

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