

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

EASTER III (19th April 2026)

Truth and Love

Peter tells the crowds the truth about Jesus, and they respond in action.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus learn the truth about the Resurrection, and despite their previous weariness, they run back to Jerusalem to share the news.

These are not the only places in Scripture where truth and love are related to each other, and this is not surprising if we recall the teaching of Saint John that God is Love.

If we know the truth about God, we know how much we ought to love one another. If we know the truth about God, it will go beyond *what* we believe and be shown in *how* we believe and live.

Jesus rose to life not in words but in action; we share his risen life not just in words but in the way we live!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The further a society drifts from Truth,
the more it will hate those
that speak it.*

George Orwell



08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 Choral Mass
18.30 Choral Evensong

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*

POST-MASS REFRESHMENTS

*Refreshments will be served in the church
after Mass today. Donations to cover costs
gratefully received.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday 23rd April

Lunchtime Recital 12.15

Friday 24th April

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 25th April

Tower Tour 14.30

Choral Festival Evensong 16.00



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

EASTER III
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 149

Setting: *Missa Brevis* in C (Charles Gounod)

Collect Prayer

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. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Gradual Hymn: 467

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.'

'Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread .

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 485

Communion Motet: *Panis Angelicus* (César Franck)

Post-Communion Hymn: 605

Voluntary: *Alle Breve* from Voluntary 12th (Samuel Wesley)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Reading

Psalm(s): 105

First Lesson: Haggai 1.13-2.9

Office Hymn: 139

Canticles: Harris in A

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3.10-17

Anthem: *Insanae et vanae curae* (Josef Haydn)

Hymn: 254

Voluntary: Rhapsody op.17 no.1 (Herbert Howells)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 19th April - Easter III

- The Dove and Derwent Deanery
- ◇ The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- ✦ *Jan Welsh; Bernard Fisher; Gerry Holden*

Monday 20th April

- Ashbourne, Longford CE Primary School
- ◇ Wau - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Marcus Beddoe*

Tuesday 21st April - Anselm

- St John's Belper CE Primary School
- ◇ Wellington - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Wednesday 22nd April

- Church Broughton CE Primary School
- ◇ Wernyol - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Olga Hehir*

Thursday 23rd April - George

- Duffield, William Gilbert CE Primary School
- ◇ Wiawso - The Church of West Africa
- ✦ *Brian Charter; Douglas Parkinson*

Friday 24th April - Mellitus; Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood

- Holbrook CE Primary School
- ◇ Willochra - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ *Dorothy Cave*

Saturday 25th April - Mark the Evangelist

- Kirk Langley CE Primary School
- ◇ Winchester - The Church of England
- ✦ *Robert Harding; Ralph Key*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie;
John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan
Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson;
Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Rose Evans;
Ian Barrand; Judith Butler; Gwen Hallam

- ✦ *Colin Hutson, RIP*
- ✦ *Vera Wass, RIP*

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday
23rd April, with our own Peter Shepherd
(Organ). To celebrate St George's Day, Peter
will play a series of Anglo-American folk
tunes, dances and anthems. Entry is free,
with a retiring collection for the music fund.

Choral Festival 2026

Saturday 25th April with local choirs from
North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. The
afternoon will round off with Choral Evensong
at 4.00pm.

Prayer Book Society

Members of the Prayer Book Society will be
attending Choral Evensong at 6.30pm next
Sunday, 26th April.

Dates for Your Diary:

Springtime Spectacular at St Leonard's,
Tuesday 28th April. Details to follow.
'Thy Kingdom Come' runs as usual from
Ascension to Pentecost (14th-24th May).

Next Sunday - 26th April - Easter IV

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 2.42-end
John 10.1-10
- 18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm 29.1-10
Ezra 3.1-13
Ephesians 2.11-end

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