

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

EASTER IV (26th April 2026)

What Christians Do

I would have been able to retire much earlier than this if I had £1 for every time someone told me (about myself, or about other people): 'That's not very Christian'.

Of course what they usually mean is: 'That's not very nice' (or possibly 'that's offended me').

Yet in Acts we learn exactly what the priorities were for the first Christians: they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship; the breaking of bread and the prayers.

If you can't recognise these four things, you don't see a Christian—it's as simple as that. And if you want the apostles' teaching about Jesus, it starts something like this:

Alleluia!
Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!



08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
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 30th April

Lunchtime Recital 12.15

Friday 1st May

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 2nd May

Tower Tour 14.30

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

EASTER IV
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 455

Setting: Leighton in D

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 2.42-end**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Gradual Hymn: 152

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord **John 10.1-10**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 154

Communion Motet: The Lord is my Shepherd
(Lennox Berkeley)

Post-Communion Hymn: 140

Voluntary: *Marche Pontificale* - second movement of
Symphony no.1 (Charles-Marie Widor)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Reading

Psalm(s): 29.1-10

First Lesson: Ezra 3.1-13

Office Hymn: 366

Canticles: Stanford in C

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2.11-end

Anthem: It is a thing most wonderful (Philip Moore)

Hymn: 481

Voluntary: *Allegro maestoso e vivace* - second movement
of Sonata no.2 (Felix Mendelssohn)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 26th April - Easter IV

- Church Schools, their staff and all those sitting examinations during the coming weeks
- ◇ The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- ✦ *George Chegwin; Elsie Bates; Frederick Gascoyne*

Monday 27th April - Christina Rossetti

- Mugginton CE Primary School
- ◇ Windward Islands The Church in the West Indies
- ✦ *Gladys Frankland; Joseph Wilson; Frances Bunting*

Tuesday 28th April - Peter Chanel

- Turnditch CE Primary School
- ◇ Wondurba - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wednesday 29th April - Catherine of Siena

- The Derby Diocese Rural Chaplaincy Team
- ◇ Worcester - The Church of England
- ✦ *David Scott*

Thursday 30th April - Pandita Mary Ramabai

- Local farms, farmers and all who work on the land
- ◇ Wulu - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Jessie Key; Ralph Smith; Alma Graham;*

Betty Longstaff

Friday 1st May - Phillip and James, Apostles

- The church of All Saints Alderwasley
- ◇ Wusasa - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Rene Williams*

Saturday 2nd May - Athanasius

- The church of All Saints Bradbourne
- ◇ Wyoming - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Charles Branson, priest; Robert Marriott*

- 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*

From Fr Patrick

I would like to repeat the sincere thanks I expressed at the APCM to all who have been part of the work of the Gospel we have shared over the past 12 years. It won't be appropriate for me to return to Chesterfield once I leave, but that doesn't stop me looking forward to seeing you all at Guildford should you choose to visit. From mid-May my address will be 4 Cathedral Close, Guildford GU2 7TL. Please pray for me, as I will continue praying for you!

To Father Patrick

On behalf of all members of the congregation, the Churchwardens offer sincere thanks to Fr Patrick for his twelve years of dedicated service to this church, and prayers and good wishes as he takes up his new post at Guildford Cathedral.

Prayer Book Society

Members of the Prayer Book Society will be joining us for Choral Evensong at 6.30pm today, 26th April. Refreshments will follow.

Springtime Spectacular at St Leonard's

Tuesday 28th April, 5.30-9.30pm. Songs from the 60s & 70s with Brian & Bill. £5 on the door.

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday 30th April, with Edward Whelan (Piano). Free entry with retiring collection for the music fund.

Next Sunday - 3rd May - Easter V

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 7.55-end
John 14.1-14

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm 147.1-12
Zecharia 4.1-10
Revelation 21.1-14

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