



Notices for 27th of April 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

The Second Sunday of Easter

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

Collect:

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Hymns:

- 470** I the Lord of sea and sky
- 496** Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
(Please see Sheet) When I needed a neighbour
- 174** Breathe on me, breath of God
- 393** Brother, sister, let me serve you

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post-communion prayer:

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vacancy News – Peter & Dan

The Bishop of Guildford is delighted to announce that Rev Canon Dr Joshva John Christopher has been appointed as Vicar at Cuddington. He is currently Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre at the British and Foreign Bible Society in Swindon.

He will be licensed at Cuddington on **Weds 9th July at 7:30pm**. Together with his wife Rachel, they will visit us on Sunday 18th May to participate in our normal worship and informally meet members of the congregation for coffee afterwards.

Parish Office - Please be aware that the parish office will henceforth be publishing pew notices on Thursdays. Requests for notices will need to be received by close of business on Wednesdays to be included.

8am SERVICES will be held only once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

Dates for your diary

11th May at 11am APCM

The annual parish meeting of parishioners will take place on Sunday 11th May after the morning service at 11am.

This year there are at least two vacancies for new PCC members, so please take time to consider if you would like to join the PCC. As a PCC member, you can share your views and also find out a lot about how the Church works. If you would like to become a member of the PCC (the committee meets monthly on Wednesday evenings) then please pick up a form at the back of the Church and fill it in.

27th April 9.30am Service

We welcome Andy Fulker, CEO of the **Sutton Night Shelter** who will be coming to talk within the service.

Saturday 7th June *Songs and Lunch*, from 11.30 until 2.30, Wendy Edwards is coming to sing some popular songs with some singalong numbers included. Tickets are on sale from Sunday 20th April and cost £10 to include a ploughman's lunch.

Saturday 14th June *Big Day Out*, Shadbolt Park 10.30am-3pm. We are planning to have a plant stall to raise funds for St. Mary's. If you are able to help out on the stall or provide some plants, then please email crabdo2025@gmail.com

The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -

Lunch with guest singer Wendy Edwards - Saturday 7th June

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 29th June

Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October ***Enquiries: Sara & Daphne***