



Sunday 26 April 2026 - Easter 4

Sun 26 April	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher Revd Roger Chamberlain.
Wed 29 April	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 3 May	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: Fr Simon

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Megan, Angela, Hazel, Rosie Hayler, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, baby Shae, Annette Aldridge.

The departed: David Patterson, Beryl d'Alton.

In memory: Brenda Georgeson, Millicent Winch, Trevor Jones, Ethel Tooley.

COLLECT PRAYER

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
 he restores my soul.
 He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
 You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 my whole life long.

GOSPEL READING: John 10.1-10

'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.

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NOTICES

There will be no produce table on Sun 26 April or Sun 3 May.

Chapel Chat: we are transferring our May get-together from Thurs 7 May to Thurs 14 May. From 2pm until 4pm in St Michael's Chapel.

Dan Hudson is running the London Marathon on 26 April 2026 to raise money for Marie Curie in memory of his mum Gill. He is also attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest man dressed as a microphone.

Any donations would be appreciated. You can speak to Jon Hudson or donate via: <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/dan-hudson> *Thank you.*

Parish Welcome is a group that meets on a Monday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.30pm in the OBH to help those newly arrived in the country with their English. We have lots of people coming to learn but are short of helpers. The sessions are based around worksheets and most of us are not trained teachers. If you enjoy being with people from different backgrounds who are keen to learn and appreciative of what we offer, this is for you! Please just come along or speak to Deirdre Moll (07751 572046) if you would like to know more.

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
Till trav'ling days are done.

2. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
for you endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness
and he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.
And I will trust in you alone...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in you alone...

3. All I once held dear, built my life upon,

All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.
*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing.*

*You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-supassing gift of righteousness.
Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you...

Oh, to know the power of your risen life,
And to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live and never die.
Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you...

4. To him we come - Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's own living Word, his dear Son:
in him there is no east and west,
in him all nations shall be blessed;
to all he offers peace and rest-
loving Lord!

In him we live - Christ our strength and stay,
life and truth and way, friend divine:
his power can break the chains of sin,
still all life's storms without, within,
help us the daily fight to win -
living Lord!

For him we go - soldiers of the cross,
counting all things loss him to know;
going to every land and race,
preaching to all redeeming grace,
building his church in every place-
conquering Lord!

With him we serve - his the work we share
with saints everywhere, near and far;
one in the task which faith requires,
one in the zeal which never tires,
one in the hope his love inspires -
coming Lord!

Onward we go - faithful, bold, and true,
called his will to do day by day,
till, at the last, with joy we'll see
Jesus, in glorious majesty;
live with him through eternity -
reigning Lord!

