



The United Benefice of Old Shoreham and Kingston Buci
The Churches of St Nicolas, St Julian and St Giles

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Newsletter

For Sunday 31st March 2024 – Easter Day



Children: Sunday School in the **Parish of Kingston Buci** meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the church hall at the beginning of the service and returns for communion. **Toy bags** are available in all churches as you come in at the door. Please feel free to make use of these facilities for your children.

Need a lift to Church? Please let us know.

Large print service books are available. Please ask at the door.
There is an induction loop for those using a hearing aid.



For Today's Worship

Collect

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.

Readings

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Then 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.'

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of

God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings Next Sunday

First Reading: Acts 4.32-35; Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2; Gospel: John 20.19-31.

For your Prayers

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

In our Diocese we pray for the Property Department: Scott Ralph, Paul Ridley, Stuart Miller; Theresa Tippling; Phil Morl; Lynn Finnigan and Sophie Cooper.

Those in need of our prayers specifically at this time: John Ramsden, Jocelyn Andrews, Robin Mitchell, Jean Maundrell, Pauline Roberts, Albus, Anne Bello, Dave, Amy, Sophie, Scarlett, Sue, Vanessa Thompson, Patricia Crowdy, Peggy Gilbert.

Those who have recently died: Joyce Rowland.

Those whose anniversary is at this time of the year: Gerry Powell, Betty Geeves, Mervyn Daw, Wendy Tidy.

Reflection

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. These are words Christians have been greeting each other with since the earliest days of the faith. On Easter morning and over the following days and weeks the news spread quickly. Jesus who had died on the cross was no longer in the tomb and some of the women had reported the tomb empty. The word was spreading that Jesus had been seen alive and some of his followers had met him.

We have spent the last weeks reflecting on the suffering and sacrifice Jesus put on himself for our sake. We reflected how it seemed as if the powers of darkness had won. How, in the midst of the apparent defeat of all that is good and right, suddenly Good News spreads. Jesus is alive. Today we rejoice. Today the Alleluias return. We know that in the end good has triumphed over evil. Death is dead and has no power anymore. The tomb is empty, and the stone is rolled away.

Celebrate today! Join in the with us in the joy of Easter. Let's rejoice that God's love overcomes everything even death.

Thank you all who have been with us on this journey. Thank you for joining the Lent Course, writing reflections, visiting our care homes, keeping in touch with those who haven't managed to get to church, getting our churches ready for the liturgies of Passiontide and Holy Week and the many other things that made these last few weeks so special. May God bless you all. Happy Easter! Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Fr James

Intercessions

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may
be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Jars of Change. Please bring your Jars of Change for WaterAid and any donations for the communal jars to church by Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity; we will update everyone with the total received after Easter. Find out more at wateraid.org/uk or at the QR code on the right.



Bishop of Lewes Visit. Bishop Will, Bishop of Lewes will be visiting the Benefice and leading worship at Messy Church, at 8.30 a.m. at St Nicolas and for the 10 a.m. service at St Julian's. At the latter, the bishop will also dedicate the new Garden of Remembrance in St Julian's Churchyard.

Coffee after Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Coffee after Communion on Thursday 4 April after the service at around 10.30 a.m.

Reverend Erika's 30th Anniversary Celebrations. We will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Erika K Howard FRSA on Saturday 11 May. Communion at St Giles Church at 2.30 p.m. will be followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

A Wheelchair for Alex. A message from Shoreham Academy: We are reaching out to our community to seek support for a young boy named Alex, who is a student at Shoreham Academy. At four years old, Alex was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a progressive muscle-wasting condition. This disease is not only physically debilitating but also life-limiting. Our school's aim is to raise enough money for Alex to have a specialised wheelchair so he can continue to play football with his peers, alongside a once-in-a-lifetime holiday for Alex and his parents. You can help on our crowdfunder at this link <https://gofund.me/3ba41cb6> or at the QR code on the right.



Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank: Thank you for all your regular donations to the Foodbank. Currently the foodbank has the following shortages: pasta sauce; tinned fruit; tinned tomatoes; small coffee; rice (not microwave). Donations can be dropped off at all three churches. St Nicolas and St Julian's are opened every day in daylight hours. Many thanks for all your support.

Pastoral Care Team. All the dates for our visits to care homes during 2024 have been arranged, so if you would like to help, please contact Vanessa Thompson or Fr James. **New Elmcroft: 10 April, 3 p.m.; Kingsland House: 18 April, 2.30 p.m.; Cavell House: 29 April, 3 p.m.**

St Nicolas Easter Flowers: A BIG thank you to everyone who gave donations towards the flowers in memory of a loved one. Once again the wonderful team have worked very hard to decorate the church so beautifully - your efforts are very much appreciated by all who come into the church. ~ Sue.

Revision of Electoral Roll: The PCC will be revising the electoral rolls of our parishes over the next weeks. The end dates of the revisions are the **31 March for St Nicolas** and the **14 April for Kingston Buci**. This is also deadline for new entries on our electoral roll before the APCM. Please ask for a form if you wish to be added to the roll.

APCM dates: St Nicolas 21 April; Kingston Buci 12 May (at St Giles Church).

This Week's Diary

Sunday 31 March, Easter Day

8.30 a.m.	St Nicolas	Eucharist	JG
10 a.m.	St Nicolas	Sung Eucharist	PA
10 a.m.	St Julian	Holy Communion	JG
10 a.m.	St Giles	Holy Communion	EH

Wednesday 3 April

8 a.m.	St Julian	Morning Prayer	
7 p.m.	St Nicolas	Holy Communion	PA

Thursday 4 April

10 a.m.	St Julian	Holy Communion	PA
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Friday 5 April

10 a.m.	St Giles	Morning Worship	
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Saturday 6 April

9 a.m.	St Nicolas	Morning Prayer	
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Sunday 7 April, Easter 2

8.30 a.m.	St Nicolas	Holy Communion	PA
10 a.m.	St Nicolas	Holy Communion	PA
10 a.m.	St Julian	Morning Worship	JA
10 a.m.	St Giles	Holy Communion	EH
6 p.m.	St Nicolas	Evening Prayer	JA

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