



Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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<p>Collect</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Post Communion</p>	<p>Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection,</p>

	and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*** What's on ***	
Monday 27th April	4.00 pm <i>Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 28th April	12.30 pm <i>Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> 4.30 pm <i>Bolders (church hall)</i>
Wednesday 29th April	10.00 am <i>Coffee Break (church hall)</i> 8.30 – 10.30 am <i>Pantry (church hall)</i> 11.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Acts 12:24-13:5, Psalm 67, John 12:44-end</i>
Friday 1st May	7.00 pm <i>Music practice</i>
Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30 am <i>Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> 10.00 am <i>All Age Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Readings: Acts 7:55-end, John 14:1-14</i> 12.30 pm <i>Friendship lunch</i>

Morning Prayer: 9.00 am Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. (Not on Bank Holidays)

Private Prayer: The church will open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week between 10.30 am – 12.00 noon.

Parish Prayer Time (PPT) will meet in the Church on Monday mornings at 9.30 am, (following Morning Prayer). Parish Prayer Time lasts about 40 mins and usually starts with a shared scripture passage or words of encouragement to lead us into prayer for the Parish, the world and individuals who have requested our prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: Wendy Turner, Tracy Howman, Rosemary Colwell, Isla, Gordon and Bridget Dustan, Anne Springham, Keith Worrall, Penny Godwin, Anna Waterman, Gina Broadhead, John Harding, Peter Watson, Steve, Jenny Harris, Margaret Sutcliffe

If you wish a name to be included, please let Natalie in the office know. The list will be refreshed again soon, if you wish a name to be kept on after next week, please let us know.

Years Mind: Stephen Fry (2008), Pat Brooks (2025), Roy Whiteley (2016), Eileen Boiling (2022), Gillian Lindsey (2024), Peggy Harvey (2016), John Morgan (2015), Nancy Gardner (2024)

Rhubarb - the allotment new season rhubarb is for sale today (Sunday 26th), after the service – cash only! All proceeds towards the maintenance and provision of the Church Allotment. *Julie*

Welcome Afternoon - Sunday, April 26th 3.00 pm in church

Please do come to this event if have joined us in the last 12 months or are wondering about joining us. You would be very welcome. Please contact Pam Brooks in church or the office on 01903 850509.

APCM – will be held on the 17th May, following the 10.00 am service. This year we will need to elect two church wardens, four PCC members and three Deanery representatives. If you would like to know more, please speak with any member of the PCC. We will also be looking for someone to take over the Electoral Role Officer from Catherine Gleadow. Catherine will be happy to have someone shadow her for the next year and then take over properly after that. Please speak with Catherine to find out what this entails.

Sarah Collins – PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Revision: The annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 15th and 30th **April**. Anyone not on the Roll and wishing to be added is invited to fill in a form and send it to me by 30th April at the latest. After this no further changes may be made until after the APCM. Forms are available in church, from the parish office or from me. If you are already on the current roll you don't need to do anything unless any of your details have changed, in which case please let me know. If you wish to be on the PCC you must be on the Electoral Roll. Please note that the Electoral Roll is the official record of church members and is completely separate from the Parish Directory. There is a list of names of those currently on the roll at the back of church so that you can check if you are on or not.

The revised list of names on the Roll will then be available in church from 4th May before being presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Enquiries to Electoral Roll Officer: Catherine Gleadow, 07790 291144 or catherinegleadow@yahoo.com

As you are probably aware the Bishop of Chichester is retiring soon. A consultation is underway. You are invited to have your say about the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop (the Bishop for East and West Sussex.) The link is this: <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/> In terms of current issues, from my perspective- Chichester Diocese has never had a Diocesan Bishop who ordains women to the Priesthood. I would dearly like this to change, and hope that you may feel able to write this on the form. Our Bishops have also always been against using prayers to bless for those in same sex relationships. The PCC in this Parish has agreed that we will do so as soon as we are able, so you may want to mention this too. However, I think the main thing is that the new Bishop will know their clergy and their people and is able to be a true pastor who can rejoice and mourn with us and is visible in the parishes supporting and caring and understanding the needs of the whole communities of which we are a part. A sense of humour would be good too! Please do take the time to give your views! *Natalie*

3-wheel walker: Is anyone in need of a folding tri-walker, purple with carry bag, before this is donated to Charity? If so, please contact Julian Masters (details in Church Directory.)

May I just say well done, to I assume volunteers (?) out last week in & around the grounds of the Church; clearing, weeding, cutting back, sweeping up etc etc. Really does make a beautiful difference. The Church and its immediate surroundings look fantastic, especially coming into Spring. Thank you and when back in full action from my recent hip replacement (even though I attend another local Church), I'm more than happy to help. From an appreciative neighbour.

Have you been a member of the Mothers' Union? If so, do join some of us who will be travelling by train to St John's Church, Preston, Brighton on the morning of Saturday, May 9th for the Spring Meeting. We will be celebrating 150 years since Mary Sumner founded the M.U. Please contact Pam Brooks for details.

Pantry: The sunshine lifted spirits this week, with people chatting together as they queued for the Pantry. We welcomed 72 people that morning, and many stayed on for the Wednesday Coffee Break in the Church Hall. It's encouraging to see such a wide mix of people feeling welcome and relaxed in our shared spaces.

Breakeven Gambling joined us at the coffee break and spoke with a few people. Meanwhile, our Pantry volunteers continue to work hard supporting people to navigate and resolve a range of welfare issues. Over the past few weeks, we've seen the visible relief of several people who have received the help they needed, reminding us just how important this support can be. If you are able to donate, we are short of milk, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, and jams. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

The Pantry Team

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service – Chichester Cathedral Saturday 9th May @ 3.00 pm

A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago. This event is also for those grieving that they have never been able to have a child. www.sayinggoodbye.org Saying Goodbye is a division of Mariposa International.

Generosity

A huge thank you to everyone who supports the church by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS); it relieves the finance team of a lot of work claiming back the gift aid and ensures the church has a regular income for all its vital work and daily expenses. If you do give via PGS you could put a token in the offertory plate to signify this on your way into church, if you wish, which would then be taken to the altar for a blessing. The tokens are next to the offertory plate.

Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is a simple and free way to give to the church; there will be a presentation in the spring re this but meantime do go to the website and choose Parish church of St Peter and St Paul's Rustington as your chosen charity and encourage family and friends to do the same.

The Generosity group

Mission Matters

Pray for South Sudan and our CMS Mission Partner Nicci Maxwell in Juba According to BBC News Africa the situation in South Sudan is worsening. ***'Aid agencies say they are at breaking point. Lifesaving programmes are shutting down and more families are being displaced. The risk of cholera and famine is rising. Now there are calls for the international community to step in and push for real peace in South Sudan'***

Using Links (Act 4 You) (Project), gifts can be made to the account 'Supporting Child Health in South Sudan', account number 3209

If you have any problems you can contact Links for assistance by phone 01903 778515 or hello@links.charity

From Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Mission partner: A huge thank you to you and Natalie and all the lovely people who appeared in the Easter video that you sent! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration. Easter has been peaceful in Juba and I had a great weekend including a very joyful morning in church, a delicious roast dinner and getting absolutely soaked in a huge thunderstorm on my way home from visiting friends!
Blessings, Nicci

Fake News, Scams and Lies: The Need for Truth

Join Churches Together in Rustington and East Preston for this year's seminar, exploring truth in an age of fake news, deception and scams. Speaker James Mildred (Christian Action, Research and Education) will reflect on these challenges and what the Christian faith offers in response. The event is on **Sunday 7th June, 6.00 – 8.00 pm**, here. Admission is free, but booking is requested. Reserve your place via **Eventbrite**: <https://TheNeedforTruth.eventbrite.co.uk> or email ctrep2025@proton.me. All are warmly welcome.

St Mary's Church, East Preston - art, Craft and Plant Sale, Saturday 25th April in the Church. 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. Coffee/tea and cakes. Please come along and support this lovely spring event.

Supporting our church. If you would like to give to the church regularly, details of the **Parish Giving Scheme** which enables the church to budget for the future are below: Ring PGS confidentially on 0333 002 1271 or go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> to activate regular giving. There are also forms at the back of the church or ask in the office for further information. Our parish code is 101010024.

If you would like to sponsor the Church Notice sheet, to remember or recognise a special event or anniversary please contact the church office.

If you would like to sponsor the seven-day candle that is in the chancel next to the Reserved Sacrament, in memory of someone, or for a special event or anniversary, please contact the Church office.

Material for **Sunday 3rd May 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 29th April 2026** and be sent to sarahlouisegc@gmail.com Please note the change of address for the time being as I am having technical issues with outlook!

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