

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Passcode **834900**

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Passcode: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-call or communicate with one another.

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 4

Refrain: In peace I will lie down and sleep.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;

how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood? **[R]**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. **[R]**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'

Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us. **[R]**

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety. **[R]**

*Give us today, O God, a glad heart and a clear conscience,
that when we come to this day's end we may rest in peace with
Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Gospel for The Third Sunday of Easter, Luke 24. 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



Emmaus

An anthem for today

You might like to listen to the Easter hymn [This Joyful Eastertide](#) sung by the choir of King's College, Cambridge.

Our Children & Young People – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet, do explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page: each week there are fresh and inspiring resources including prayers, games, quizzes and videos:

- There's a **printable sheet** which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.
- You might also like to share in this week's **Godly Story**, 'Jesus appears to his friends'. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's [here](#).
- You might like to have input into / join the **Families Minister Working Group** (see other page) .



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 18th April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter



The church is open for personal prayer from 11am to 1pm every day
An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Piano music is played on Tuesdays 11-11:30am and on Fridays 12-12.30pm.

Please note that prayer between 11-11.30am on Wednesday 21st April will have Tiny Tots alongside.

The Prayer Chain, a message from Diane Pettitt – We feel we have come to a natural ‘end of a season’ and it is the right time to wind down the prayer chain in its current format and seek new direction. It has been a real blessing for so many and I’m thankful for all the faithful prayers offered up for so many folk and all the different needs over this past year. As things hopefully progress and restrictions are eased it may be possible to look at meeting together for some regular prayer times ... possibly in church or elsewhere if anybody is interested in this? Please contact me at diane.pettitt@hotmail.com / 461845.

The Stations of the Cross and the Stations of Easter – The reflections are available as an A5 printout on the [prayer page](#) of our website in case you’d like to revisit them.

The CSG Mary’s Meals and Church Army Red Bucket Lent Appeal raised £1398.14 including gift aid. We are delighted to be sending £700 to each charity. Thanks very much to all who donated. The excellent work these charities do can be seen on their websites.

Families Minister Working Group – “Whilst our young people have been able to take part in some church activities in person and online during the Covid crisis, we have all keenly felt their absence in church. A group of us (for the PCC) have been looking at what face to face family/children activities we might be able to start - as soon as this can be done safely. An essential element in this ‘recovery’ involves reactivating the recruitment process for a Families Minister (paused last year) as soon as it’s possible. If you have an interest in this area and would like to join the group, or have any suggestions or comments about children’s worship, please email me at bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk. Many thanks. Bill”. Information on the Families Minister post as advertised last year is available [here](#).

Virtual Choir for Easter – Members of Churches Together in Bishop’s Stortford have come together as a virtual choir to sing ‘Risen’ (Shawna Edwards/Daniel Blomberg). You might like to listen to / watch it on YouTube [here](#).

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you’re interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

Donations in memory of Phil Smith – Phil’s family have asked that if congregation members wish to make a financial donation in memory of Phil, that they do so individually, making a direct donation to Cancer Research UK or another Cancer charity of their choice.

Prayers for our Community in Church and via Zoom, Saturday 17th April 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358 / Code 435609). All welcome.

Alpha Youth Series, 18th and 25th April, 7:30-9pm – Our session on 18th April will be based around the topic ‘Telling others: why and how should I tell others?’ (ID: 869 9900 8274, contact bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com for Passcode).

Open Forum to discuss music and worship, Monday 19th April at 7:30pm – It would be good to take stock of where we are, what worship in lockdown has taught us, and how God might call us to move forward with music in worship. To begin this conversation, I’ll host a Zoom discussion forum that’s open to all – please let the Office know you’d like to come. Discussion questions to help the conversation are available on the [music page of our website](#). I hope a subsequent step soon will be face-to-face discussion, but it will be good to start talking. One outcome I’m hoping for is the recommencement (and probable re-imagining) of the Director of Music appointment process. Thanks for considering if you’d like to join this conversation. Derwyn.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 21st April, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn’s Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

‘All new’ Tiny Tots, Wednesday 21st April, 11 for 11:15am – We’re delighted to be offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents/carers. Social distancing measures and Covid precautions will be in place. More details will be available after this initial gathering but note the day and time in your calendars!

APCM, 23rd May after 10am service – Electoral Roll revision is currently taking place (ending on 26th April) if you’d like to join our electoral roll / nominate for PCC election.

Town Project invitation – Would you like to help with planting some trees and shrubbery in a newly created ‘wet woodland’ near to Old River Lane? It’s anticipated this will take place on Monday 24th May so for now, if you’re interested in being kept up to date, please contact megan.kervin@salvationarmy.org.uk / 01279 507464.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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