



Notices for 4th of May 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

We Welcome Reverend Sue Ayling who will be taking our 8am BCP service.

The Third Sunday of Easter

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

Collect:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymns:

- 380** At the name of Jesus
- 469** I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 411** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 308** Just as I am
- 516** Love divine, all loves excelling

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 9.1-6 (7-20)

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the

Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Post-communion prayer:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Wednesday 7th May 10.30am

Monday 12th May 7.30pm

Knit and Natter meetings in The Leverton Room

Thursday, 8th May, at 2.30 THURSDAY CLUB. We meet this Thursday in the church hall when our favourite guitarist will be entertaining us. Everybody is very welcome. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

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.

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***