



# Sunday 20th April 2025 - **EASTER DAY**

<b>Welcome to the United Benefice</b>		
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<b>Upcoming Services</b>				
St.Stephen's	<b>EASTER DAY/</b> 6.00 am <b>EASTER DAY/</b> 9.00 am	Dawn Service Communion (CW)	27th April/9.00 am	Communion (CW)
St.John's	<b>EASTER DAY/</b> 10.30	Communion (CW)	27th April/10.30 am	Communion (CW)
St.Nicholas'	<b>EASTER DAY/</b> 10.30	Communion (CW)	27th April/10.30 am	Morning Prayer

<b>Please keep the following in your prayers this week:</b>	
St.Stephen's	Eileen Stewart
St.John's	Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley Winn, Barbara Burch, Shirley Kemp, Valery Pull, Selina Lea, Coral Denyer, Sean Hayley, Chris & Sue Farr
St.Nicholas'	Daphne Hughes , David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Archie Butler, Karen Butler, Nathan Jackson
Let us also remember those who have recently died.	

<b>Notices and Events</b>
<b>LUNCH IN YOUTH CENTRE - Sunday 27th April 2025 - 12.30 pm.</b> To donate funds to the hospital in <b>Gazza</b> . The Lunch will cost <b>£8</b> and will include soup, bread rolls and a selection of desserts with refreshment and lovely company!
<b>EASTER EGG HUNT -</b> at St John's Church <b>after the 10.30 am Easter Day Service.</b>
<b>ST NICHOLAS AGM - Sunday 18th May 2025 -</b> after the 10.30 am morning Service
<b>FOODBANK UPDATE -</b> The foodbank at St Matthews, Redhill is now helping about 200 people a week. Donations can be left at The Rectory in Godstone. No perishables, out of date food, alcohol or medicines. <a href="#">Vegetarian Soups, Fish, Coffee, Porridge Oats, Tomatoes, Biscuits</a>

<b>Give- a – Little QR Codes</b>		
St.Stephen's	St.John's	St.Nicholas'
		

## **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.

## **First Reading**

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 sent 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.

Acts 10:34-43

## **Gospel**

**Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.**

**Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

## **Glory to you, O Lord**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified, and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looked in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24:1-12

## **Post Communion**

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.

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