

Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

Sundays 21st and 28th April 2024
Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Easter

St James' Ruscombe

21st April	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Alan Gwynn	Acts 4:5-12, John 10:11-18
28th April	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Juliet Straw	Acts 8:26-40, John 15:1-8

St Mary's Twyford

21st April	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Steve Turville	1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-29
28th April	10.30 am	LEP Service	Revd Juliet Straw	Acts 8:26-40, John 15:1-8

Twyford URC

21st April	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Gordon Connell	1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18
28th April	10.30 am	No Service	LEP Service at St Mary's	-



Church Family News

Pentecost Confirmation Service: We now have a group of people ready to be confirmed at the service by Bishop Olivia at 6.15pm on Sunday 19th May at St Paul's, Wokingham. If there is anyone else who is baptised and would now like to be confirmed, please let Helen Charlton know as soon as possible: helen@thru-christ.org.uk.



We are super excited to be hosting a stall at the legendary **Twyford Donkey Derby** again this year - so yes, you've guessed it - we are looking for a band of merry volunteers to be at the stall on the day to field questions, but most importantly represent our church family and join with the community as they enjoy this village event.

Also, if you have any ideas / suggestions of things that we can do at the stall which will attract and/or meet a need of the community, or have seen something somewhere else which has been really successful, please do let me know!

It's on **Sunday June 16th** at King Georg's Field, running from 1:00 - 5:00pm. Help is required from 11:00am - 5:30pm. For all queries and offers of help (even just a bit of the day!), please get in touch with Phillippa: phillippa@thru-christ.org.uk, 07786 256366. Thank you!

Torch Trust's Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC) initiative helps churches become accessible to those with sight loss. They are providing some FREE Zoom sessions so that you can find out more:



From TORCH TRUST

Introduction to SLFC: May 9th at 2pm (45 mins)

- Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-CqpjsqGd0mlgz3tulKQAHmsgq_vBDU
- Overview, quiz, personal stories, and service details. Ideal for those interested in SLFC or as a refresher.

SLFC Q&A: June 3rd at 2pm (1 hr)

- Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllce2srzIsGtwxyB-sNnmX_ggmDGzAzVaL
- An expert panel from Torch Trust will answer questions on inclusivity for blind and partially sighted individuals and there will be an opportunity to share experiences and tips.

More info is available at: www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk

Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Steven, Lizzy, Ted, Eldred, Peter, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John, Tony and Anne.

Lord God of heaven and earth, of past and future, of paths and journeys, we thank you for all that was good about the life we shared as one benefice - in good times and in bad.

We thank you for shared discipleship and for the road we walked together. We thank you now that you call us into the future as friends and neighbours.

May our memories be a solid foundation for all that is to come.

May we relish always the things we learned and shared.

And may the years to come be a time of fresh vision, greater outreach and a closer walk with you, the one True God, of Eden and Golgotha and the empty tomb.

Call us into new adventures.

Show us fresh possibilities.

Inspire us with dreams and visions- for we are your people and you are our God, always. Amen.

Fr Richard Lamey

UPCOMING EVENTS

APCM & LEP Annual Meeting: Wednesday 24th April 7.45pm at St Mary's Church Centre.

Midweek Communion: Thursday 25th April 10.30am at St Mary's Church Centre.

Celebration Service for the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women: Sunday 28th April 2.30pm at Christ Church Cathedral.

Over 60s Club: 1.45pm Wednesday 1st May at St Mary's Church Centre: "Wrestling with the Octopus"!

URC Wessex Synod Big Day Out: 10am to 5pm Saturday 4th May at Hollycombe Steam Collection, Liphook

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 7th May at the URC: A Stroll in the Park (England's royal, private & public parks)

Ascension Day Holy Communion Service: 7.45pm Thursday 9th May at St James' Ruscombe.

Deanery Confirmation Service (Bishop Olivia): 6.15pm on Sunday 19th May (Pentecost) at St Paul's, Wokingham

ZOOM: We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND NEWS: Please email office@thru-christ.org.uk if you have any church events, clubs or notices that you would like to be included in this news sheet.

Next Week: Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

St James' Ruscombe

9.00 am Morning Prayer Alan Gwynn

St Mary's Twyford

10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Steve Turville

Twyford URC

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