

Living the Word

Acts 3.12-19

This scene shows the nascent church of Jerusalem and a miracle which astounds those watching. Unlike Jesus' miracles, when our Lord is open about the power which was given to him, Peter understands and explains that the Apostles are merely conduits. The man's belief in Christ is what has made him well. Peter is also at pains to make it clear to the Jews that this is their God – and ours – whom they have rejected. Yet he also offers a message of hope. He knows that ignorance was at work in the rejection of the Messiah, and so the way back to the Lord is still open. Your priest is a conduit of God's mercy, most especially in the sacrament of confession. In this season of great rejoicing, let us not forget the ways in which we daily turn our backs on the Lord, and that he still leaves the way open for us all to turn back to him.

Elements of the Mass

The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents the light of Christ at the Easter Vigil and through the year. Before it is lit it is ceremonially decorated and blessed. It is marked with the sign of the cross to remind us of the crucifixion. It is marked with an Alpha and Omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) to remind us that God is the beginning and the end. The candle is also marked with the year in which it is blessed to remind us that God reigns through all time. Placed into the cross are five studs traditionally made or filled with incense grains to represent the nails of the cross. These remind us of the five wounds given to Christ on the cross. The Candle once it is blessed is lit from the Easter Fire. It is then processed through the church like the pillar of light that led the Israelites in the desert. The candle is then used to bless the font and at all baptisms in the year. It represents Christ's presence with us and reminds us of the resurrection; it is for this reason that the candle is also present at funerals in church. Have a close look at your Paschal Candle today – look at the way it is decorated and think about what it can tell you about your faith.



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Third Sunday
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Open Minds



Nowadays, if we describe someone as 'open minded' it means that they are open to suggestions as to new thoughts on matters of all kinds and do not have strong opinions and beliefs like their polar opposite, 'close minded', people. In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is another kind of 'open mindedness' – it is mind that is open to see all the revelation of God's purposes in Scripture in the light of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the events of Easter that challenges the human mind to let go of all preconceptions about what it means to be human, what it means to die and what it means to be truly alive to God. For 'Jesus died so that the living should no longer live for themselves but for him who died and rose again'. This truly is a mind-altering truth!

From the Fathers

Now since you are celebrating the holy Pascha, you should know, brethren, what the Pascha is. Pascha means the crossing-over, and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to his Father. What gain is it to celebrate unless you imitate him whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evil-doing to the light of virtue, from the love of this world to the love of your heavenly home?

From The Sunday of the Resurrection by St Ambrose of Milan (340-397, Bishop, theologian)

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our services today

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass and Baptism at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 18th April Feria

7.30pm at Holy Trinity

(7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Saturday 21st April Feria

6.30pm at Holy Trinity *(Walsingham Cell - all welcome)*

NEXT SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Psalm Response: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

VACANCY FOR THE PARISH OF HAWLEY AND MINLEY - 1

The post was advertised on 6th and 13th April, with a closing date of 3rd May. Interviews are planned for 22nd and 23rd May. The interview panel will comprise Keith Blanchard & Julie Saunders (Hawley), & Sue Donovan (Minley), and up to 5 Clergy. The Parish Profiles can be found at: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/clergy-vacancies Mike Gunston (vice-chair HGPPC)

MU meet tomorrow, **Monday, April 16th at 8pm** in Trinity hall. Ian Mattison will be joining us to give a talk entitled "A Pictorial History of Minley Manor".

THE COST OF LIVING - thanks to all who have reviewed their giving, it will help us cover the increased expenses. Still considering it? Please give it some thought and if you require further information speak with our Hon. Treasurer John Chapman or the Churchwardens. Keith Blanchard – Churchwarden.

LOOSE CHANGE JAR has increased by £34 to an amazing total of £4,714. Well done everyone, please keep those little coins coming, as you can see they certainly make a difference!

BAPTISM AT HOLY TRINITY we are delighted to have Louie John Perry with us for Baptism, together with his parents and godparents, family and friends. We hope everyone has a splendid time here in church and afterwards at the on-going celebrations.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - 10th - 13th

September - the second non refundable deposit of £20 is now due. Please let Pauline Scott have either cash or a cheque payable to Hawley Green PCC SOLW a/c. Thank you.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - **SUNDAY 22nd APRIL, 3.30 PM IN TRINITY HALL** -

Nominations are invited for the Churchwarden posts. Please see Keith Blanchard in Holy Trinity or Jim Rapley at All Saints' if you would like to know more. In addition there is one vacancy for a Deanery representative. Forms are available and Keith or Rita Davies can explain what's involved. The papers for the Annual Meeting will be available on line following the PCC meeting on 18th April.

WALSINGHAM CELL meets **this Saturday, 21st April, 6.30pm** at Holy Trinity, everyone is very welcome.

100 ANNIVERSARY OF WW1 - can you knit some poppies for our display in church? Barbara Blanchard has a very simple pattern. Jane Lawrie at HT would be pleased to receive photos/copies. If you have any memories which can be used they would be helpful. It may be a grandparent who served, or were in a reserved occupation here on the mainland. We are trying to put together a Power Point presentation which we may be able to use for the commemoration of 11th November 1918.

INTRODUCING - Living Church Magazine - This new publication from the Diocese of Guildford comes out three times a year, telling stories of life, faith and church from around the diocese, through the eyes of some of the extraordinary people working and living out their faith in our area. Please collect a copy from church. *Living Church* is produced by the diocesan communications team, who are always on the look-out for inspiring stories from parishes. Could you feature in the next edition? Get in touch at livingchurch@cofeguildford.org.uk. The magazine can also be read online at cofeguildford.org.uk/livingchurch. Or tweet us @LivingChurchMag

CAR PARKING AT HOLY TRINITY - if you park on the green please park considerately so that we can maximise the available space. As we all know parking spaces can be at a premium so your cooperation would be appreciated, thank you.

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL launch their Open Gardens event from May to July please visit www.pth.org.uk/open-gardens for more details.

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS' - Fridays at All Saints' 2pm to 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

WEEKLY SHEET ITEMS should be sent by Wednesday morning to pauline_scott@icloud.com