

Psalm 118

This is a day for celebration, for rejoicing: 'O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!' The one who was humbled is now exalted, the one whose flesh was pierced now reigns in glory, the one who died now lives forever. 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone: this is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes!' The God who created the world by his word, has brought a new creation to light by his Son, the Word made flesh. This is not just good news, but life-changing news, the best news we could ever hear. 'I thank you that you have answered me, and have become my salvation.' This psalm becomes our hymn of praise: 'This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it!'

Elements of the Mass

Vestments: The Alb

The alb is the long white garment worn by the priest over his cassock. It is a white garment to remind him that he has been washed clean in the waters of baptism and by the blood of the Lamb; it is the Easter garment. The alb is tied by a girdle (a length of cord), which may be coloured. The alb itself may be decorated or it may in part be made of lace. These albs are most normally worn on feast days and special occasions to add to the solemnity. As with each of the items worn by a priest at Mass there is a prayer that accompanies it being put on. These prayers help us to understand the reason for wearing an alb. In the case of the alb this is: 'Make me white, O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that being made white in the Blood of the Lamb I may deserve an eternal reward'.



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Easter Day

He must Rise

St Paul summarises the events of last night as follows: 'You have been brought back to true life with Christ' (Colossians 3.1). This, our true life, began in the waters of baptism. The Easter Vigil is the original



place for baptisms and on Easter day we are all invited to renew our baptismal vows. In the waters of the font we have died with Christ and we were raised with him to new life, life in the Spirit. The prophecies that the Messiah must rise from the dead are now fulfilled. 'He will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces...' (Isaiah 25.8). The white robes of the newly baptized remind us of the linen neatly rolled up in the empty tomb. No sign of death can be found here. Our original state of grace is being restored whenever we haste back with Mary of Magdala, St Peter and St John to the empty tomb where the mystery of our salvation began, the font of baptism.

From the Fathers

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand,
that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all musick is but three parts vied
And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

From *The Temple: Easter* by George Herbert

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EASTER DAY

Welcome to our services today!

9pm (Sat) Vigil and First Mass of Easter at All Saints'

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass and Baptism at Holy Trinity

6.30pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

MASS THIS WEEK

Mon 17 Easter Monday

No mass

Tue 18 Easter Tuesday

No mass

Wed 19 Easter Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Trinity (*Exposition of the Sacrament from 7pm*)

Thu 20 Easter Thursday

7.30pm Holy Trinity

Fri 21 Easter Friday

9.15am Holy Trinity

Sat 22 Easter Saturday

10am Holy Trinity

6.30pm Holy Trinity (*Walsingham Cell – all welcome*)

NEXT SUNDAY (*2nd Sunday of Easter, 'Low Sunday'*)

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass and Baptisms at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Response to today's Psalm:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

EASTER FLOWERS

As ever, our churches are beautifully decorated for today. We appreciate the hard work and creativity of so many who have worked hard. Joan Dimmick at All Saints' and Diane Brown at Holy Trinity would welcome your contributions towards the flowers' costs. Thank you for your help and generosity at both churches.

BASKET CASES

We're having a Summer hanging basket demonstration in Trinity Hall on Saturday 6 May in aid of this September's Flower Festival. Please contact Rachael Robertson on 07879 641049 or at rachaelsgardens@outlook.com. Tickets are priced at £14 to include refreshments. All materials will be provided for you to plant up a beautiful summer basket.

WALSINGHAM CELL

Our monthly cell mass will be celebrated on Easter Saturday at 6.30pm. All members are expected to attend and all others are invited to be there too.

CATHEDRAL CONCERT – EASTER TREAT

Guildford Cathedral presents a free 'coffee concert' in the marquee in its grounds this Thursday. Coffee and tea will be served from 10.30am and at 11.15am the Duo Brikcius, brother and sister from Prague, will perform a selection of uplifting cello music. No need to book – just turn up!

STEVE LEGG TO STAR AT MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hawley Anglican Men's Society is pleased to host a Breakfast for Men at Mr Bumble Pub on Saturday 29 April. The Guinness world-record-holder for escapology feats, Steve Legg, has been booked for the occasion. Steve is well known for his close-up magic and comedy as well as being an evangelist and editor of *Sorted* magazine. At £7 for a full English breakfast this event is fantastic value, so you should buy your ticket RIGHT NOW! Boys under 16 can come if accompanied by an appropriate adult male at £3. Contact Derek Bangs on d.bangs40@btinternet.com or in person at Holy Trinity. Jim Rapley is your representative at All Saints'.

FR MARTYN'S LENT APPEAL



The appeal boxes will be available to receive your donations until next Sunday. Thank you to those who have given already. If you've been

saving up throughout Lent, now's the time to bring in the money. Gift Aid forms are available for the use of UK taxpayers. We hope to bring welcome relief to several communities through your generosity. Results soon!

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEEK

We have to agree the Annual Report and Accounts before the APCM at the end of the month (*see below*). Members should come to Trinity Hall on Wednesday at 8.15pm.

CHURCH ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Nominations are invited for Churchwarden and PCC member. Please use the forms provided. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at All Saints' Hall on Sunday 30 April at 3.30pm. Everyone is invited to be there

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS'

Our regular event on Fridays at All Saints' is back. We look forward to seeing you there from 2pm until 4pm. Turn up and enjoy meeting friends old and new over homemade cakes and a cuppa.

INDUCTION

The Rev'd Chris Brading, onetime member of our congregations and scheme manager of Hawley Almshouses will be inducted as Vicar of St Richard, Haywards Heath on Friday 12 May at 7.30pm. Of course, you will want to pray for him and his family; but if you'd like to join the celebration that evening, please sign up using the booking sheet in the church porches. If there's enough support, we'll run a coach. A bun fight is included.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Join us at Walsingham this year for the National Pilgrimage on Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May. It's an early start but apart from getting to Holy Trinity (or All Saints', if there's sufficient interest) you'll have no driving to do. Departure time is TBC but you can sign up for a seat right away. Adult fare is £20, 17s and under can come for £12.

EASTER COMMUNIONS

Anglicans are required to receive the Sacrament at Easter (up to and including Low Sunday). Please advise Fr Martyn of anyone who will need to receive their Easter Communion at home so he can visit them this week with the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.