



St Peter's
Muswell Hill

Holy Communion

9.30am – 19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Love's redeeming work is done; 150
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley

Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Alleluia. Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been
sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by
putting away all malice and evil and
confessing our sins with a sincere and true
heart.

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, we confess that we have
sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what
we have been, help us to amend what we
are, and direct what we shall be; that we
may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly
with you, our God. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly
repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep
you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

We sing the

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14; Acts 2:36-41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

¹ I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; • because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

² The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; • by grief and sorrow was I held.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

³ Then I called upon the name of the Lord: • 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

⁴ Gracious is the Lord and righteous; • our God is full of compassion.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

⁵ The Lord watches over the simple; • I was brought very low and he saved me.

⁶ Turn again to your rest, O my soul, • for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

⁷ For you have delivered my soul from death, • my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

⁸ I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living

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New Testament Reading

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have

been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces

downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was

recognised by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Philip Sudell

Romans: "More than conquerors"

Slaves to righteousness

Profession of Faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his
disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the
Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be
always with you.

All: And also with you.

The strife is o'er, the battle done; 159
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers have done their
worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee
Alleluia.

Francis Pott

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give
thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and

with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church family news

Alleluia! Alleluia!, 137

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen**

Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Readings for next Sunday

26th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

Romans 7:1-12

John 10:1-10

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The week ahead

Sun 19 th	9.30am 11am 12:30pm	Holy Communion Morning Service Thank you lunch for Clare
Mon 20 th		
Tues 21 st	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Wed 22 nd		
Thurs 23 rd	10-11.30am 12 noon 12-3pm 3.45-5pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall Midweek groups meet
Fri 24 th	7.15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 25 th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast @ St Peter's Hall
Sun 26 th	9.30am 11am 12.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Service Discipleship Training Lunch

Looking ahead

Sun 19th April – Church Family Lunch –
“Thank You to Clare Hendry”

Sat 25th April – Men's Breakfast

Sun 26th April – Discipleship Training Lunch

Mon 27th April – PCC Meeting

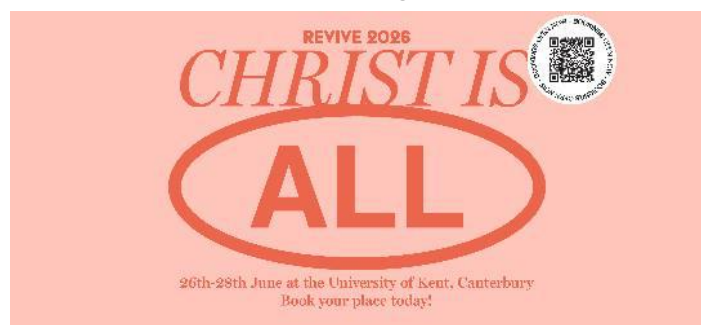
Wed 29th April - Discipleship Training Repeat

Fri 8th May – Christian Aid Quiz

Sun 17th May - Annual Meetings

Co-Mission Revive W/E Away

26th - 28th June – Booking still open.



Church Family Lunch and “Thank you to Clare”



Come and join us after the 11am service this
Sunday 19th April

Christian Aid Quiz – Fri 8th May

We will be hosting a quiz night for Christian
Aid week on Friday 8th May from 7pm to
9:30pm!

Get a table together
(tables of 8) and email
the church office to
book in.

£10 per ticket inc

Ploughmans and donation to Christian Aid



Electoral Roll – revision taking place

Forms are available on the table at church or
linked in the weekly email and we'd love
everyone who considers themselves part of
St Peter's to enrol if they are able and qualify
– you have to either live in the parish or have
been attending regularly for 6 months. You
can do this up to the 1st May

Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the
election of Churchwardens (2) and the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
for the presentation of the annual reports
and the election of 2 Deanery Synod
members up to 9 members of the Parochial
Church Council (PCC) will take place **after**
the 11am service on Sunday 17th May
2026. Nomination forms are available