

Local abbreviations

Br : Broomfield CF : Cheddon Fitzpaine
KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton
ROC – Romanian Orthodox Church
Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer
HC: Holy Communion Ch.Es: Choral Evensong
Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;
Eve Wsp: Evening Worship



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“To know, share and spread the love of God”

Welcome

EASTER SUNDAY

5th April 2026

**Alleluia Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!!**

Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings: Jeremiah 30: 1-6 (WM)

Acts 10: 34-43 (*must be used*)

Matthew 28: 1-10

For your prayers:

Liz Thompson, Philippa, Tom Baker, Carol Carter, Andy, Charlie Way, Barbara Hastilow, Bob Pettitt, Ray Cleave, Sandy & Brian Adams, Angela;
If you know of someone who wishes us to pray for them, please obtain their permission before you contact the Office

Those who have died and those who mourn them:

Receiving Communion: All who are baptised are welcome to receive bread & wine in our churches.

If you want to receive bread intincted in the chalice come to the LEFT half of the altar rail and to drink from the common cup to the RIGHT.

(a collection for the work of the church may be taken during the service)

PRAYERS:

Please pray for the events taking place across the Benefice, that we make Christ known in all we do and in all our conversations.

Readings 12th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (*must be used*)

John 20: 19-31 (WM: Exodus 14: 10-31, 15: 20-21)

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
5 th Apr Easter Day	10.00am HC NO Eve.Wsp	11.00am HC	9.30 HC and Kids Church	NO 8.30am Service 10.00am HC
12 th Apr		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
19 th April	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
26 th April		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
3 rd May	6.00pm Rogation	11.00am HC	9.30am HC and Kids Church	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
10 th May		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC then the APCM
17 th May	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp

Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom. Contact the office for the link if you'd like to join in

Wednesdays: Bible study group in the Benefice Office 7pm. Contact the benefice office for details

Morning Prayer in Kingston church: Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on **Mon – Weds at 8.00am** do come and join him if you wish.

Parish ministry team

Clergy: Rector: Revd Jim Cox 01823 802790 (07967 817337)

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Licensed Readers Rosie Brown & Peter Wright

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Office closed 2nd Apr – 6th Apr inclusive

April

6th Bank Holiday

8th 10.00am KSM Standing Cttee – Jan's

12th 6.00pm Deanery Eve. Prayer in St. Andrews

13th 10.00am KSM PCC in the Vicarage

14th 7.00pm Mens Group talk in Cheddon Memorial Hall. Bring own drinks / snacks

15th 7.00pm Cheddon APCM in the church

24th 7.00pm WM – Tim Pitman concert £15

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/westmonktonchurchfundraisers/2074377>

May

3rd 6.00pm Broomfield – Rogation Service

9th 9.30-12noon Broomfield Plant Sale – coffee; cakes; produce; preserves; raffle

9th 9.30am-12noon Cheddon churchyard working Party. Bring your tools etc/ refreshments will be provided

Sat 11 April – Cheddon churchyard working party
9.30am – 12noon – refreshments provided. Please do come along to this social event with your tools, gloves, kneelers etc. Everyone warmly welcomed.

Tues 14th Apr 7pm Cheddon Memorial Hall
Mens Group talk: 'Collectors and collecting' with Chris Berry. Bring your own drinks / snacks

APCM DATES – all held in the churches

Cheddon: Weds 14th April 7pm

West Monkton: Sunday 10th May after 10am service

Broomfield: Monday 11th May 7.00pm

Kingston: Sunday 24th May 4.30pm (& cream tea)

Annual Parochial Church Meetings:

These will be taking place in the varying parishes in April and May. Please come along to support your local church, hear what has been happening and plans for the future and enable it to stay open.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Electoral Roll: If you are not on the church electoral roll and would like to be, just ask a Churchwarden or contact the church office.

Vacancies: There will be vacancies for Churchwardens and PCC members.

Volunteers: We are always looking for people to help with flowers/ cleaning/ churchyard tidying. Lots of small tasks to help keep our building safe and fit for use

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Reflection on Matthew 28: 1-10

No gospel describes the actual moment of resurrection, and each one presents the post-resurrection appearances slightly differently. Matthew gives us an almost comical description of the angel perching on the stone. Interestingly, here, the stone is rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to show the women he is already raised. Which only adds to the mystery of 'what happened?'

Jim Cox

