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Sunday 22nd March 2026

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This Easter...

...in fact, starting this Sunday, we will be picking up our series for our Sunday services called **“We Believe...”**, which takes us through the lines of the Nicene Creed, which is now nearly 1701 years old! (*The Council of Nicea, when the first version of the Creed was produced was held from May to July in AD 325.*)

Last Autumn, to mark its 1700th birthday, we started this series. And in the run up to Christmas, we especially focussed on the line:

“For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.”

Of course, the lines in the Creed explaining what happened the first Christmas lead to the section about the first Easter. It says:

“For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.”

In our Easter services this year we will especially be reflecting on how Jesus’ death was **“for our sake”**, before *“On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures.”*

This is a wonderful message, full of Good News. Please come and join in as we celebrate these wonderful truths. And let’s invite others to do the same - praying that many will visit us this Easter.

A leaflet with the Services from Palm Sunday to Easter Day is included with this Newsletter – please share it.

One special point, as we think about what happened to Jesus, is on **Maundy Thursday** (2nd Apr), when we meet to remember Him as he told us to, by sharing in the Lord’s Supper (Communion) in our Evening Service. Some years we have done this after a church family meal – and although we can’t quite manage that this year, a range of lovely puddings will be served from **7pm**, with the service starting at 7.30pm. Let’s enjoy these together as a family, before remembering what has brought us to this unity. I hope that you can make it. *Mark.*

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Lent 5

Theme - *We believe: For our sake he was crucified*

Matthew Ch.27 vs.11 - 26

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 998; St. Mark's pg. 998)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church <i>(Preacher: Mark Galliers)</i> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's Church <i>(Preacher: Mark Galliers)</i> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	Evening Communion in St John's Church

Activities this week

Mon 23 rd	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 - 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St John's Church
	2.00 pm	Bethany in St John's Church Hall
Weds 25 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp
	10.00 am	Cann Hall KS2 Easter Service (together with parents) - in St John's
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers - St Mark's Holy Communion <i>(Preacher: Tom Linnane)</i>
	7.00 pm	Ignite Youth Group – Evening Social at Birch Hall
Thurs 26 th	10.30 for 11 am	Together Easter Service St John's Church Hall <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i>
	12 noon	Prayers for the Persecuted Church in St John's Church Hall
	1.30 pm	Gt Clacton Jnr School Easter Service in St John's Church
		NO Lent Meeting this evening
Fri 27 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	5.00 pm	Prayers for Mission Links - St John's
Sat 28 th	9.30 am	Easter Coffee Morning in St John's Church Hall

Sunday 29th March
Palm Sunday
(Clocks went forward overnight)



Lent 6

Matthew Ch.21 vs.1–17

(Church Bibles - St. John's pgs. 988; St. Mark's pgs. 988)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer for Palm Sunday – in St John's (Preacher: Tom Linnane) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30am	All-Age Family Service – in St Mark's Church (with Hannah & Mark M) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	Tea Time Church Easter Special - in St John's

Activities this week

Mon 30 th	Holy Week begins	
		NO Morning Prayers this week
		NO Little Fishes
	2.00 pm	Easter Hymns at Havenvale
Tues 31 st	11.45 am	Stewsdays – in St Mark's
Weds 1 st Apr		NO Morning Prayers on WhatsApp
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers First Wednesday Special Holy Week Reflection – St. Mark's
		NO Ignite Youth Group
Thurs 2 nd	10.30 am - 12 noon	Bethany Again in St John's Church Hall
	7.00 for 7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service including The Lord's Supper in St Mark's Church (starting with enjoying puddings together)
Fri 3 rd	9.30 am	Walk of Witness – from St John's
	10.30 am	Good Friday Service in St John's "We believe: He suffered death"
Sat 4 th	4.00 pm	Easter Reflection - St John's Church

Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

Theme - *We believe: He rose again*

Matthew Ch.28 vs.1 - 15

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 1000; St. Mark's pg. 1000)

6.30 am	Sunrise Holy Communion – St John's Churchyard (Preacher: Mark Galliers)
9.00 am	Easter Communion in St John's Church (Preacher: Sheila Neale) Prayer after Church
10.30 am	Family Communion in St Mark's Church (Preacher: Mark Mulryne) Prayer after Church
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
	NO 4.00 pm service today

Activities this week

Mon 6 th		Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Wed 8 th		NO Wednesday Worshippers
Thurs 9 th	10.30 for 11 am	Together in St John's Church Hall
	12 noon	Prayers for the Persecuted Church in St John's Church Hall
Fri 10 th	7.30 pm	Events Group Meeting - the Vicarage

There are no Morning or Evening Prayers this week (restart next Mon)

Sunday 12th April 2026

Easter 2

Theme - *We believe: ...in accordance with the Scriptures*

Acts Ch.13 vs.13 - 43

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 1107; St. Mark's pg. 1107)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church (Preacher: Mark G) Prayer after Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's Church (Preacher: Mark G) Prayer after Church
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	Prayer and Praise in St John's Church

Activities this week

Mon 13 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 - 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St John's Church
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Margaret Arr in St John's Church followed by 3.30 Crem (MM).
	2.00 pm	Bethany in St John's Church Hall
Weds 15 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp <i>(please ask Mark if you would like to join)</i>
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers - St Mark's Holy Communion <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i>
	7.00 pm	Ignite Youth Group – at St Paul's
Thurs 16 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Bethany Again in St John's Church Hall
	7.30 pm	Thursday Evening Group restarts in St Mark's Church
Fri 17 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayers – St John's Church
	5.00 pm	Prayers for our Mission Links in St John's Church
Sat 18 th	9.30 am – 11.30 am	Newcomers Welcome Morning in St. John's Church

Sunday 19th April 2026

Easter 3

Theme – We believe: He ascended into heaven

Acts Ch.1 vs.1 - 11

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 1092; St. Mark's pg. 1092)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church <i>(Preacher: Christine Sanders)</i> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's Church with a Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child <i>(Preacher: Christine Sanders)</i> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	Lego Church in St John's Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Coffee Morning

(LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

Saturday 28th March 2026, 9.30-11.30am
in St. John's Church Hall

Stewsdays

(LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

Tuesday 31st March at St Mark's Church

Please choose: Pork Cutlet/Stuffed Peppers

Doors open at 11.45am, lunch served at 12.15pm

Booking is **essential**: 01255 475704 (Church Office)

If you think this is something you would like to know more about or get involved with please have a word with Pam Dench

- **Palm Sunday – 29th March** – we hand out Palm Crosses at our services
 - **Maundy Thursday Service – 2nd April, 7.00 for 7.30pm** – enjoying puddings together, before we share the **Lord's Supper**
 - **Good Friday – 3rd April** – Walk of Witness – from St John's (9.30)
Good Friday Service (10.30am)
 - **Easter Eve – Sat 4th April** – Easter Reflection (4pm)
 - **Easter Sunday – 5th April** – our traditional Easter Morning Services
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Craft Group

(LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

Wednesday 29th April 2026 - 4pm at St Mark's

This month our Craft Group will be making Bird themed Greetings Cards.

*Unfortunately, there **won't be Craft Group in March** as I can't be there.
Please let any potential Crafters know. Thank you, Pam*

Churches Summer Weekend

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th June

Please pray for Chris Annis who has moved into the Glengariff Care Home.

Please continue to pray for Chris Pearce, who is at home, but still needs our prayers.

Please continue to pray for all those families, who we have had contact with, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Please continue to pray for those we know who are not well or are undergoing or waiting for treatment at the moment.

Please continue to pray for the persecuted churches around the world. *Please ask about our regular Thursday Prayer Meetings – now following on from the Together Service (2nd & 4th Thursdays).*

Please pray for our local schools – for the children and staff on holiday and as they return for the summer term.

The Office has recently had a new computer installed to keep up with the times. Unfortunately, during this process some email contacts may have been lost. If you usually receive Newsletters and Prayer Diaries by email, and have not done so, please let me know so that I can add you back onto the list.

Many thanks. Ann-Marie

Afternoon Services in St. John's at 4pm

Sunday 22nd March

(Fourth Sunday of the month)

Evening Communion

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

Tea Time Church Easter Special

(usually first Sunday of the month – but a week earlier than usual this time)

Sunday 5th April

No afternoon service on Easter Day

Sunday 12th April

(Second Sunday of the month)

Prayer & Praise

Sunday 19th April

(Third Sunday of the month)

Lego Church

Normal Church Office opening times are

Monday 10.00 am - 1.30 pm - *Ann-Marie*

Tuesday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - *Anita*

Wednesday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - *Anita*

Thursday 9.00 am - 1.30 pm - *Ann-Marie*

Friday 9.00 am - 3.30 pm - *Ann-Marie*

Saturday 9.00 am - 11.00 am - *Anita*

(On Fridays 9–10 am we have a Staff Meeting.)

Clergy day off

Mark – day off: Tuesday

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