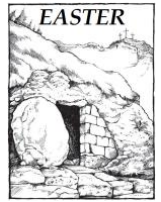




St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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## Hymns for today:

♪	Processional-	13
♪	Gradual-	246
♪	Offertory-	484
♪	Communion-	117
♪	- The Lord is my Shepherd:	
	AE Ling	
♪	Recessional-	142
♪	Voluntary- Postlude in D minor,	
	Op.105: Sir Charles Stanford	

## Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2. 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

<sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common;

<sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

<sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

<sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 23

*Refrain:* The Lord is my shepherd **therefore can I lack nothing.**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. **R**

<sup>3</sup> He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. **R**

<sup>5</sup> Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

<sup>6</sup> But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2.19-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Brothers and sisters:

<sup>19</sup> It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that?

But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**Glorify to you O, Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

<sup>1</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

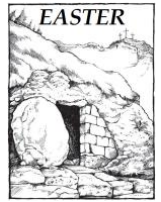
<sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.



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<sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

<sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

<sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

<sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayers

For healing and protection for:  
Eunice, Youngson, Shea, Pelu  
Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne,  
Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew  
Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel,  
Leila, Theresa.

For those departed this life  
including Ian Baker, and those with  
an anniversary of a death at this  
time, including Melanie Dawn  
Tucker.

## Notices

**St John's WhatsApp prayer group-** speak to Anne-Marie or Shea to join.

### Foodbank donations

Can be left in the collection bins outside the hall, or in the crate at the back of church. All non-perishable donations welcome.

**Volunteers appreciated** to help once a month with Children's Church, Youth Church & Café Church. Speak to Cynthia or Shea for details.

## Church Diary

**Prayer chapel** open:  
7.30-5.30pm Weekdays  
9.30-5.30pm Weekends

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (26<sup>th</sup>)**  
10.30am Sung Eucharist with baptism  
12.30pm Baptism

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894*  
7.30m Morning Prayer (MP)  
5pm Evensong (ES)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Peter Chanel, martyr, 1841*  
7.30am MP. No Mass today.  
5pm ES

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Catherine of Sienna, teacher, 1380*  
7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass followed by study group. 5pm ES

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922**  
7.30am MP. 12.30 Senior Social Club. 5pm ES.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May Philip & James, Apostles**  
7.30am MP.  
1pm 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Club

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
10.30am Sung Eucharist with Children's Church & Youth Church

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