### 19-20 April 2025

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

# Welcome to our celebration on this most holy Feast of Feasts

#### Thank you!

Many thanks to all who helped with the preparation and delivery of our worship, or who helped decorate our churches or donated toward the cost of flowers, so as to enable us to celebrate this great and holy season.

#### **Electoral Roll revision**

Electoral Roll forms are due back to Barbara Blanchard **now** please. The closing date is this Wednesday (23rd).

#### **Bible Study Group**

The Bible Study Group will not meet this week. It will resume on the following Thursday (May 1st).

#### Walsingham Cell Mass

The Walsingham Cell meets this Saturday (26th) for Mass at 11 am at Holy Trinity (Eucharistic Exposition from 10.30 am), followed by a bring-and-share lunch at the home of Anne Leppard. Everyone is welcome.

#### Friends of Hawley Churchyard

A Working Party meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 12 noon. Come and join us on May 3rd, feel free to do as much or as little as you like, or to assist with providing refreshments.

## Keble College Corporate Communion Sunday 11th May 2025 at 5.30pm

Preacher: Fr Fergus Butler-Gallie (author and speaker) Keble College, Oxford, as Patrons of Hawley Parish, invite us to a Sung Eucharist in Chapel sung by Keble Choir, followed by a prosecco reception and curry supper (cash donations towards the cost welcomed on the day). Please let Pauline Scott know if you'd like to attend, together with any dietary requirements.

#### Hawley Anglican Men's Society

The next HAMS event is an away day to London on Wednesday, May 14th. Meet at Farnborough Main Station at 09:15. Partners are welcome to join us. More information from Derek Bangs.

#### 'Together'

The Easter issue of 'Together', the regular paper of the C of E's Catholic societies, is now available in church.

#### **THIS WEEK**

All events at Holy Trinity—unless shown otherwise
Weekday Readings: Easter Week

#### Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament) Psalm R. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.* 

N.B. No Bible Study Group on Thursday

#### **Friday**

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)

Psalm R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2-4 pm: Tea at Two—All Saints Hall

#### **Saturday**

11.00 am: Walsingham Cell Mass

(10.30: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)

Psalm R. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

#### Next Sunday—Second Sunday of Easter

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—All Saints

11.00 am: Sung Mass

#### Trinity Fair and Open Day: Saturday 14th June

Put this date in your diaries now! There are boxes at the back of both churches for any donations for this day. If you can help on the day please let it be known.

#### 'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2-4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

#### Weekly news sheet

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

#### Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton, Margaret Coles, Janet Dadson, Ian Hasbey, Leah James, Jerold Lee, Janet Murton, Dave Powers, Pat Rorison, Pope Francis, Christina & Geoff, Graham, Kate, Kirk & Karen, Mac, Mike, Sue, Tony

**Anniversary of death:** Dorothy Batkin, Gerald Brown, Elizabeth Dimmick, Dennis Foster, Kenneth Hammond, Lillian Long, Jackie Parry, Bryan Reed, Anne Watts, Graeme Young

### Living the Word Acts 10.34-43

This is one of the most important passages in Acts, as it is the last piece of evangelising that Peter will do in this book. We hear Peter tell the story of Luke's Gospel again and here Luke is making clear, through Peter's speech, that healing is essentially a spiritual matter. As Peter goes on, he tells us that the message delivered by Christ, although initially delivered to the Jews, and then the Apostles, is universal in nature, and one with meaning for every single person. Suddenly the House of Israel is not the sole guardian of the mysteries of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. The Christian story becomes the story of the whole world, and the preaching of the Apostles makes it simple for people to follow Christ. The Risen Lord has done so much of the work. Let us complete it by walking the path he has laid for us.

### O Sing Unto the Lord

'The Day of Resurrection' is a translation by John Mason Neale of a text by St John Damascene. With his enthusiasm for the glories of the Eastern Church, Neale quoted a description of a service he attended: 'At midnight, a cannon was fired, then the old Archbishop elevating the cross exclaimed in a loud exulting tone, "Christos anesti, Christ is risen!" and instantly every single individual took up the cry, and the vast multitude broke through and dispelled for ever the intense and mournful silence which they had maintained for so long, with one spontaneous shout of indescribable joy and triumph, "Christ is risen!" "Christ is risen!"."



## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Easter Day Gospel: Luke 24: 1 – 12



### **The Empty Tomb**

During Holy Week our churches reenact the Holy Week story. On Palm Sunday, we paved the streets of Jerusalem with palm branches to greet the Lord. On Maundy Thursday, we entered the Upper Room with the disciples and processed with the Lord to the Garden of Gethsemane and kept vigil with him at the altar of repose. On Good Friday, we moved from Pilate's Palace to Golgotha and witnessed the crucifixion of Christ. During the Easter Vigil the church served as the dark tomb to which Mary Magdalene came early in the morning. Now, filled with light and beauty, the church rejoices at the Lord's resurrection and reflects the radiance of the heavenly Jerusalem, anticipated in the empty tomb. Today we are privileged to participate in the heavenly banquet of the Kingdom.