

# *The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough*

[www.stjohnscrowborough.co.uk](http://www.stjohnscrowborough.co.uk)



## **14TH APRIL: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **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.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3. 12-19**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 4**

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
'You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?' **R**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.  
Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **R**

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
Many are saying, 'O that we might see better times!'  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. **R**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3. 1-7**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us,

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

**Alleluia**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 24. 36-48**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were

disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, receive these gifts from your Church.  
May the great joy you give us come to perfection in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### PRAYERS

**For us to know the risen Christ this Eastertide.**

**For the Holy Land, Ukraine, Afghanistan and Sudan and all war-torn areas of the world.**

**Aria Leia Millgate, to be baptised today, her parents and godparents**

**Bishops in our diocese:** Martin, Will, Ruth.

**The Sick:** Chris Avery, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Tricia Curtis, Jane Diment, Sally Everett, Paul Jones, Hubert Moore, Travey Norris, Kathy Redington, Edward Sibley, Mary Pegram.

**R.I.P.** Erik Crichton, Tom Ashcroft

**Year's Mind:** Edward Fletcher, John Williamson.

### HYMNS

Entrance:	124
Offertory:	271
Communion:	121
Final:	120

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 14 April	8am <b>Mass</b>
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	10 am <b>Parish Mass</b> 12 Noon <b>Holy Baptism</b> Aria Leia MILLGATE
Wednesday 17 April	10am <b>Mass</b>
Sunday 21 April	8am <b>Mass</b>
<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	10am <b>Parish Mass</b> 11.15am <b>Holy Baptism</b> Henry James and George Thomas BARRINGER

### THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Will take place at 11.45am on **21st April** and is open to all those registered on the Electoral Roll, a copy of which is displayed in the church porch.

If you have been worshipping at St John's for at least six months and would like to join the Electoral Roll please complete a form at the back of the church or speak to Rita Burton or one of the churchwardens.

Likewise, If you would like to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) please complete a form at the back of the church.

### Canadian Painting

On Sunday 2 June, at the end of the 10am Mass, the restored painting of St Christopher donated by Canadian servicemen in WW2 will be unveiled in a special ceremony with distinguished guests. Please put this date in your diary!

### PYROMANIACS

The next session for pyromaniacs is Saturday 18th May. There will be jobs for all. Please let me know or sign the list at the back of church so we have some idea of numbers.  
Simon Virgo



<b>Priest in Charge:</b>	The Venerable Dr Edward Dowler (01273 425040) <a href="mailto:archhastings@chichester.anglican.org">archhastings@chichester.anglican.org</a>
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Carol Brown (01892 652310) <a href="mailto:carol.brown@btinternet.com">carol.brown@btinternet.com</a> ; Susan Miell (01825 760938) <a href="mailto:susanmiell@btinternet.com">susanmiell@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Hall Contact:</b>	Please go to the Church Hall section of the website
<b>PCC Secretary:</b>	Rita Burton (01892 664071) <a href="mailto:tylersrmb@gmail.com">tylersrmb@gmail.com</a>