

## 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
19 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC  10.00am Morn.Wsp
26 <sup>th</sup> April		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC  6.00pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>6.00pm</b> Rogation	11.00am HC	9.30am HC and Kids Church	8.30am BCP HC  10.00am Morn.Wsp
10 <sup>th</sup> May		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC then the APCM
17 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC  10.00am Morn.Wsp
24 <sup>th</sup> May		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC  6.00pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
<i>Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom. Contact the office for the link if you'd like to join in</i>				
<i>Wednesdays: Bible study group in the Benefice Office 7pm. Contact the benefice office for details</i>				
<b>Morning Prayer in Kingston church:</b> Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on <b>Mon – Weds at 8.00am</b> do come and join him if you wish.				

## Parish ministry team

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## Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek  
the good of others and walk the joyful road of  
sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the  
Father. **Amen**

**Readings:** Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 (WM)

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

John 20: 19-31

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> April: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 (*must be used*)

Luke 24: 13-35 (WM: Zephaniah 3: 14-20)

## April

- 12<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Deanery Eve.Prayer in St. Andrews  
13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am KSM PCC in the Vicarage  
14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Mens Group talk in Cheddon Memorial Hall. Bring own drinks / snacks  
15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Cheddon APCM in the church  
24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm WM – Tim Pitman concert £15  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/westmonktonchurchfundraisers/2074377>

## May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am WM Coffee & More – Try bellringing!  
3<sup>rd</sup> 6.00pm Broomfield – Rogation Service  
9<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12noon Broomfield Plant Sale – Village hall  
9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12noon Cheddon churchyard working Party. Bring your tools etc / refreshments provided  
20<sup>th</sup> 11am Mens Group meet at Ham Wall – bird-watching. Refreshments not always available there but do take your own. Parking £4

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### **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 7pm Cheddon Memorial Hall**

Mens Group talk: 'Collectors and collecting' with Chris Berry. Bring your own drinks / snacks

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 10am – West Monkton Coffee & More.** The bellringing chamber will be open – come and try your hand at bellringing.....

**9<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 – 12 – Broomfield Plant Sale** – in the Village Hall. Plants; Refreshments; cake; preserves; raffle and more.....

**9<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-12noon Cheddon churchyard** working party. Bring your tools etc/ refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

### **APCM DATES – all held in the churches**

Cheddon: Weds 14<sup>th</sup> April 7pm  
West Monkton: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May after 10am service  
Broomfield: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm  
Kingston: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 4.30pm (*refreshments from 3.45pm*)

### **John 20: 19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **Reflection on John 20: 19-31**

Three of the gospels tell their stories relatively succinctly. John is known for his long reflections (the wedding at Cana, Nicodemus, the woman at the well, the blind man, Lazarus). So, it is no surprise that his resurrection stories are in the same style. Here the narrative climaxes with the relationship between seeing and believing: something given a new dimension in the modern world of artificial intelligence.

*Jim Cox*

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings:**

These will take place 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