



7 April 2024  
2nd of Easter

**Welcome to our worship, especially if you are here for the first time.**

**Responsible for one another:** It remains your choice whether or not to drink from the Chalice. Sharing the peace with a handshake, wave or nod remains OK too. Ask for a card to put on the seat next to you to ask it to be left free if that will help you feel safer.

**We say a goodbye to Kevin Jones who has been on placement with us for a while and wish him the best and God's guidance for his future ministry in the Church of England.**

### Sunday 7 April

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's : Canon Paul Gully

9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection: The Revd Linda Denness, Preacher: Amber VP  
Reader: Mary North, Intercessor: Marina Horner

Hymns: 76, 69, 324, 517

11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's : Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: Kevin Jones,  
Reader: Amber VP, Intercessor: Amanda Wells

Hymns: 97, 84, 433, 687

### Wednesday 10 April

10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: The Revd Linda Denness

2pm Care and Fellowship Group meets at Resurrection (see notice)

7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection: The Revd Linda Denness

### Saturday 13 April

9-10.30am Men's Breakfast at St Andrew's Hall (see notice)

### Collect for 2nd 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.

### Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### John 20.19-31

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.' 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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.'

26 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.' 27Then 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.' 28Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But 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.

### Post Communion Prayer for 2nd of Easter

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Christian Aid ...** a big thank you for all who helped and/or hosted and participated in the Friday and Saturday lunches throughout Lent. We raised a magnificent £1435.00! Thank you so much ...  
Di Allen Cosham CA group.

**Hope into Action Portsmouth** have written to thank us for the most recent donation of £715 that was sent from this parish, and they state that the financial support given by our churches is very much appreciated and will make a real difference to people who have been homeless. If anyone in our congregations is interested in receiving their newsletter, sent out by email, just contact Lynn.Boakes@hopeintoaction.org.uk and she will add you to the list. Thanks, Miriam

**Care & Fellowship group will meet on Wednesday 10 April at 2pm at Resurrection.** Some of you will remember the excellent speaker we had at our last summer tea party and again in October .... well, she will be with us at our next meeting so please come along to meet and listen to her; enjoy tea and biscuits with a friendly group of people! Just turn up at 2 o'clock at the hall! Thank you .. Di Allen

**The next men's breakfast** is on **Saturday 13 April 9am to 10.30am at St Andrew's church hall** with a question and answer session with Daron Blackmore.

**A Pastoral Care Training Day** is being organised at Cosham Baptist Church. You are warmly invited to a day of learning about the importance of pastoral care in the church. The date is **Saturday 11 May from 10am till 4pm** and it is being led by Ian and Ruth Coffey from Moorlands Bible College. Effective pastoral care takes place when the whole church family takes responsibility for it. **Please sign up by 15 April.** To sign up, contact Rev Paul Gough: [revpaulgough@gmail.com](mailto:revpaulgough@gmail.com)

**Sunday 21 April—** Please note that there will be a **Joint 10am service at St Andrew's** on 21 April instead of 9.30 and 11.15 services. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at St Andrew's after the service.

**Our next concert:** We are proud to bring Sonare Choir to Farlington Parish for their only Portsmouth date on their latest tour. This London-based quartet will sing A Cappella in a concert entitled 'My Soul, There Is A Country' The Best of British Choral Music. You don't need to go to London for quality music, we bring it to you. Admission on the door on the evening of **Saturday 27 April** will be £12, but tickets in advance, available now, are £10:80 (a 10% discount) or £9 for under 35s. Tickets are now available from Eventbrite, from the parish office or direct from me. This is definitely an evening not to be missed. The evening is a fundraiser for our 'Raise The Roof' Fund for St Andrew's church. John

**COME and SING (your favourite hymn)**  
**Sunday 12 May, Church of the Resurrection, 4pm**  
Please come and join us to sing your favourite hymns. Suggestion boxes are available at the back of each church with slips to be filled in with your choice of hymn and, if you'd like to, the reason why its special to you. We will endeavour to sing as many of your suggestions as we can. You are welcome to bring drinks and food of your choice. Tea, coffee and cake will be available during the afternoon . We look forward to seeing you there.  
Hannah Emerton

**Next Sunday 14 April  
3rd of Easter**

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Fr Hugh Deadman ( from St Michael & All Angels, Paulsgrove)  
10am Café Church at Resurrection: Simon Lemieux Reader: Jonathan Philpot  
Intercessor: Amanda Wells

*The readings for 14 April are Acts 3.12-19 and Luke 24.36b-48. I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul*

**For your prayers this week  
7-13 April**

- Almighty Lord, as Jesus laid down His life for us, may we devote our lives to You. Let us rejoice in the promise of a new life
- For Bishop Jonathan Frost and his staff at Bishopsgrrove
- For all our congregations at Resurrection and St Andrew's
- 'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above' so we thank God for the riches he has given us in Him and each other.
- For the work of Hope into Action
- For residents of Albert Road, Cosham and Aldsworth Close
- For Solent Infant School
- For those who have died recently
- Anniversaries: Valerie Barton and Wayne Deming

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