

**"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."**

**1 Cor 1:18**



Good morning and welcome to Eastleigh Parish Church. The resurrection of Jesus Christ really does change everything, and at both of our morning services we'll be taking a look at what that means in practice. At 9:30 we'll be reading another of the very first encounters with the resurrected Christ in Luke's Gospel, whilst at 11 o'clock today we're delighted to welcome Julie Maxwell as our guest speaker. Julie helps lead the excellent [Lovewise](#) organisation that seeks to train & encourage parents & churches on the topic of the beauty and wisdom of God's design for family life. Knowing that Jesus is risen can give us confidence to follow all of his word in every area of our lives, and we hope that you'll be helped and encouraged in your walk with the Lord as we worship him together today.

### Collect for 14th April

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.



## Bible Readings for 14th April

### 1 John 3:1-7 (NIVUK)

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

**7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

### Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

**37** They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

**38** He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

**40** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate it in their presence.

**44** He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

**45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

**46** He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.'

## Second Sunday at Six



We're holding our first ever "Second Sunday at 6" service today. Tea/cake will be available from 5:30pm, and then at 6pm Chris & Ian will be leading a time of worship, using the Compline Service.

## A Date for Your Diary: Pentecost Sunday



Churches Together will be holding a special Pentecost celebration at 6:30pm on Pentecost Sunday (19th May) at Eastleigh Elim Church, Nutbeam Rd.

## When You Pray...

### 1) **Stay and Play** restarts this week. Please will you pray for this great project?

#### *Thank God for:*

- The many parents, carers and children who regularly attend each week
- The fantastic job Sarah does leading Stay & Play

#### *Ask God to:*

- Raise up new team members to help serve at Stay & Play
- Use Stay & Play to bring new people into a knowledge of Jesus & his Gospel

### 2) Our **APCM** takes place at 9:30am on Saturday morning 27th April.

#### *Thank God for:*

- The many people who have served in the life of the parish this past year
- All the ways in which God has blessed us as a parish - not least of all seeing new people baptised and begin walking with the Lord

#### *Ask God to:*

- Raise up many new people to joyfully serve in numerous areas of church life
- Refresh and renew his Church here in Eastleigh

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this week at  
**the 11 o'clock service**



**come to learn**

take a deeper look at what the Bible teaches

### **Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIVUK)**

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written:

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.