

# Outlook

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Mark 16:6

Good morning and welcome to Eastleigh Parish Church - and much more importantly, welcome to another celebration of the Easter season! Like the song says, we gather today to share the good news:

***"See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light  
as the angels announce, 'Christ is risen!'"***



## A Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: Fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## A Collect for 12th April

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.



## Bible Readings for Easter Sunday - 5th April

### Acts 10:34-43

**34** Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism **35** but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. **36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **37** You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

**39** 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, **40** but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. **41** He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Mark 16:1-8

**1** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. **2** Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb **3** and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' **4** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting

on the right side, and they were alarmed.

**6** 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

**8** Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

## Bible Readings for Sunday 12th April

### 1Peter 1:3-9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer

grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not

with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' 28 Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

29 Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which

are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### Important Notice: Annual Church Meeting & PCC Elections

Our APCM (like an AGM) will take place at 9:30am on Saturday 2nd May. Please will you prayerfully consider serving as a member of the PCC (church council) and/or a Deanery Synod Representative? Speak to Ian F; Geoff C, or; Mike S (Vice Chair of PCC) for more information.

### Some Dates for Your Diary



- ✳️ There is no midweek communion on Weds 8th April. (*We will meet next on Weds 15th April.*)
- ✳️ Morning prayer starts again on Tuesday 14th April in All Saints' and on Thursday 16th April online (*find the link at [www.EastleighParish.com](http://www.EastleighParish.com)*).
- ✳️ Stay & Play starts back on Tuesday 14th April.

### Lent Course Feedback



Thank you for all the very positive feedback we've received from the Lent Course - "*Christianity Explored*". You may know that we didn't have time to cover the material in the course set aside for the away day - but don't fear! - these 3 bonus sessions will be open to everyone who'd like to attend at **1:45pm on Wednesday afternoons:**

- "The Sower" - Weds 15th April
- "James & John" - Weds 22nd April
- "Herod" - Weds 29th April

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