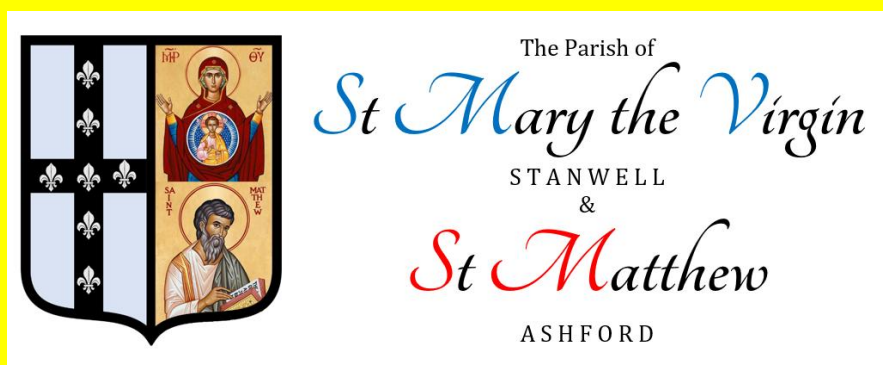


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## SERVICE TIMES

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19:00	Low Mass - Tue	St Matthew's
12:30	Low Mass – Wed	St Mary's
09:15	Low Mass – Thurs	St Matthew's
18:00	Evening Prayer & Holy Hour - Fri	St Mary's
19:00	Low Mass - Fri	St Mary's
<b>Saturdays:</b>		
09:00	The Holy Rosary	Online
<b>Sunday</b>		
09:30	Parish Mass	St Matthew's
11:00	Parish Mass	St Mary's
18:30	Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's

### REGULAR EVENTS –

<b>Wednesday:</b>	Morning Café	10:00-12:00 before Mass
<b>Thursday:</b>	Coffee Morning	After 09:15 Mass
	Bell Ringing *	19:00
<b>Friday:</b>	Choir Practice	20:00

\*(Alternate between St Mary's and St Matthew's please contact the Tower Captain for more details.)

### PASTORAL CARE

Feasts, Saint's days, Holy days and other special occasions occur through the year; see notices in Church, in the weekly news sheet and the website for details.

Please advise Fr Stuart or one of the Pastoral Team of those who are sick at home or in hospital, so that they can be prayed for and visited as appropriate.

### PASTORAL OFFICES

Preliminary information and relevant forms for Baptism and Marriage can be collected from the parish office at the advertised times. Baptisms usually take place on the first Saturday or third Sunday at St Mary's and St Matthew's. If you would like to have your child baptised, then come along any Sunday for the main Mass and meet us there!

For information about preparing your own or a loved one's funeral, please contact the parish office.

# LET US PONDER TOGETHER...

## FR. STUART PONDER THE INSPIRATION OF EASTER

Easter is the heart of our Christian faith, celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. Reflecting on this profound mystery, I am struck by its transformative power—not just for individuals but for the entire world. Easter is not merely a historical event to be remembered but a call to action. It inspires us, as Catholics, to go into the world and change it for the better, proclaiming with our lives that Christ is risen and that His love has triumphed over sin and death.

The resurrection is the ultimate demonstration of hope. Easter reminds us that no darkness is too great for God's light to overcome in a world so often marked by despair and suffering. Christ's victory over the grave is a promise that no matter how broken the world may seem, God's plan is one of redemption and renewal. This hope is not meant to be kept to ourselves. It is a treasure to be shared, a light to be carried into the darkest corners of our communities and beyond.

As Catholics, the inspiration of Easter calls us to live as witnesses of the resurrection. When Mary Magdalene encountered the risen Christ, she did not keep the news to herself. She ran to tell the disciples, becoming the first to proclaim the good news. In the same way, we are called to share the message of Easter with the world—not just with words but through our actions.

One way we can live out the hope of Easter is by practising the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and comforting the afflicted, we demonstrate Christ's love to those in need. Every act of kindness and compassion reflects our new life through the resurrection. By serving others, we help to build a world that reflects the Kingdom of God, where love, justice, and mercy reign.

Easter also challenges us to be agents of reconciliation. Through His death and resurrection, Christ reconciled humanity with God, tearing down the barriers of sin that separated us from Him. Inspired by this, we are called to work for peace in our families, communities, and beyond. Whether it is mending a broken relationship or advocating for social justice, every effort to

foster reconciliation is a way of participating in the redemptive work of Christ.

Moreover, Easter gives us the courage to stand against sin and injustice. The resurrection declares that God's power is more significant than any earthly authority. This assurance empowers us to challenge systems and structures that oppress and dehumanise. The risen Christ sends us into the world as His disciples, equipped to bring about transformation through the power of His love.

In the end, Easter is not just an event to be celebrated but a mission to be embraced. The empty tomb is not the end of the story but the beginning of a new chapter, one in which we, as the Body of Christ, are called to continue His work in the world. Let us be inspired by the resurrection to go forth with joy, bringing the light of Easter morning to a world longing for hope, renewal, and love. Christ is risen—now, let us rise to the challenge of transforming the world in His name.

Yours in Christ

Fr Stuart

## The Works of Mercy



### CORPORAL WORKS

- + FEED THE HUNGRY
- + GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY
- + CLOTHE THE NAKED
- + VISIT THE IMPRISONED
- + SHELTER THE HOMELESS
- + VISIT THE SICK
- + BURY THE DEAD

### SPIRITUAL WORKS

- + INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
- + COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
- + ADMONISH SINNERS
- + COMFORT THE SORROWFUL
- + BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
- + FORGIVE ALL INJURIES
- + PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

## NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

If you attend St Matthew's and St Mary's you will notice that we are trialling a brand new Card donations system. This scheme has also given us the option of signing people up for monthly giving, or a one-off donation, via our website and the QR code below. If you are not presently someone who has signed up to gift aid and regular giving, please consider doing so. If you already give regularly, we are grateful for your continued support.

**Please support the work of this Parish with a donation via:**



For bank details for online payments, please email

[treasurer@smam.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@smam.org.uk)

Julie Bell PCC Treasurer

## NOTE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that our office is extremely busy, and we may not always be able to answer telephone calls immediately. This could be due to our team being in church, attending to someone in person, or managing deliveries. To ensure your inquiry is addressed as efficiently as possible, we kindly ask you to consider the following:

- Email: The best way to reach us is via email at [office@smam.org.uk](mailto:office@smam.org.uk).
- Voicemail: If you prefer to call, please leave a message, and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please be aware that messages left during the weekend may not be answered immediately.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this busy time and look forward to assisting you.



## PRAYING TOGETHER: MARCH

Tues	1st	Social Services
Wed	2nd	Seafarers
Thurs	3rd	Our Jewish neighbours
Fri	4th	Park keepers
Sat	5th	Telephone engineers
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent – lead us not into temptation</b>
Mon	7th	Delivery drivers
Tues	8th	The postal service
Wed	9th	Those suffering from a stroke
Thurs	10th	Chiropodists
Fri	11th	Our local GP surgeries
Sat	12th	Those suffering mental health issues
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday – Hosanna!</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday - humility</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Good Friday – the empty tomb</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>Holy Saturday – the first Mass</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>Easter Sunday – He is risen!</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday – S. George, patron of England</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>Easter Thursday</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Easter Friday – S. Mark evangelist</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>Easter Saturday</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Mon	28th	Helicopter pilots
Tues	29th	High street trading
Wed	30th	Bible translators

Joy begets joy,  
 Laughter begets laughter.  
 It is one of those few things in life  
 that we multiply by giving.

Richard Foster

# LECTIONARY PAGE

Date	Sunday	Readings
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaiah 43:16-21</li> <li>Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. <b>R3</b></li> <li>Philippians 3:8-14</li> <li>John 8:1-11</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2025	Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaiah 50:4-7</li> <li>Psalm 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. <b>R2a</b></li> <li>Philippians 2:6-11</li> <li>Mark 15:1-39</li> </ul>
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2025	Easter Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18</li> <li>Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. <b>R24</b></li> <li>1 Corinthians 5:6b-8</li> <li>John 20:1-9</li> </ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2025	Divine Mercy Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 5:12-16</li> <li>Psalm 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. <b>R1</b></li> <li>Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19</li> <li>John 20:19-31</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> May. 2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41</li> <li>Psalm 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11, 12a, 13b. <b>R2a</b></li> <li>Revelation 5:11-14</li> <li>John 21:1-14</li> </ul>
11 <sup>th</sup> May. 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 13:14, 43b-52</li> <li>Psalm 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. <b>R3c</b></li> <li>Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17</li> <li>John 10:27-30</li> </ul>
18 <sup>th</sup> May. 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 14:21b-27</li> <li>Psalm 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. <b>R</b> cf. 1</li> <li>Revelation 21:1-5a</li> <li>John 13:31-33a, 34-35</li> </ul>



# SAINTS FOR APRIL

## 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL: ST GEORGE (- C.303)



He was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his

crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.

*REFLECTION: Proclaiming your glory, Lord, we humbly ask that as Saint George imitated Christ in his passion, so he may be a ready helper in our weakness.*

## 29<sup>TH</sup> April: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347 - 1380)

Catherine was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to many major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She burned with the love of God and her neighbour. As an ambassador she brought peace and harmony between cities. She fought hard to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.



*REFLECTION: Almighty God, you made Saint Catherine of Siena a contemplative lover of the Lord's sufferings and an ardent servant of your church. Grant through her prayer that your people may be united to Christ in his mystery, and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory.*

# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

## 11-17 MAY 2025



### COFFEE, COMPASSION, AND CHANGE: SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID TOGETHER

There's something powerful about coming together over a cup of coffee. It's more than just a morning pick-me-up—it's an opportunity to connect, share, and make a difference.

This is why we're thrilled to invite you to our

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
at 10:00–13:00 in St Matthew's Ashford,**

Please come along, every sip supports life-changing work around the world.

This year, Christian Aid is celebrating a remarkable milestone anniversary. For 80 years, Christian Aid has been at the forefront of fighting poverty and injustice. Since 1945, they have brought hope and practical support to millions of people across the world. From providing emergency relief during crises to empowering communities with sustainable solutions, their mission remains as vital today as ever. By joining us for coffee, tea, and delicious treats, you'll be helping to continue this legacy of love and action.

This year, by kind permission of The Dean & Chapter of Westminster, you are invited to attend A Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection to mark the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid taking place at Westminster Abbey (SW1P 3PA) on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 12:00.

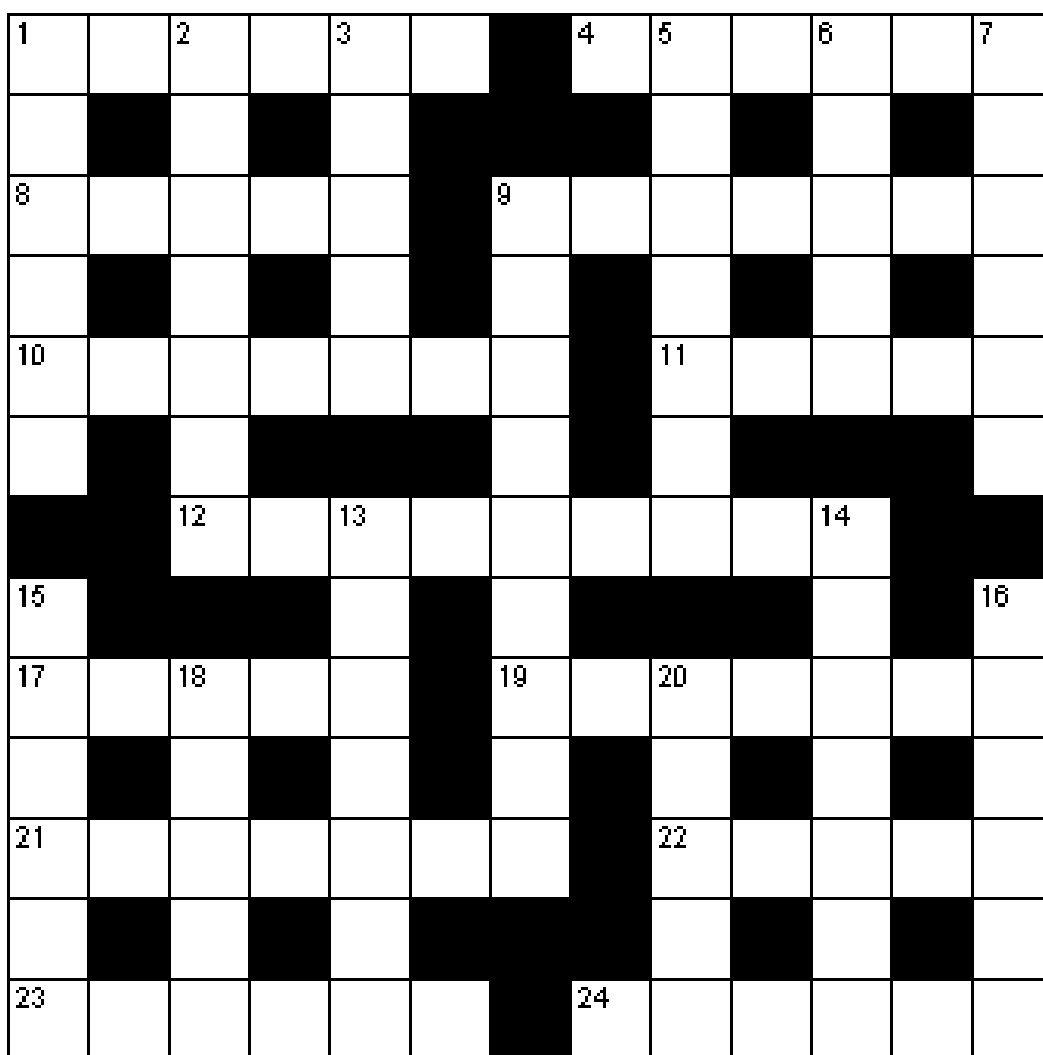
This service offers an opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey taken together—working closely with global partners, standing with communities in crisis. Over the past 80 years, it has witnessed the unstoppable power of hope in action. Through moments of prayer and music, you can reflect on the profound impact of our collective efforts and honour the unwavering spirit that continues to fuel Christian aid work.

Every penny raised at these events will help Christian Aid continue to provide practical assistance, dignity, and hope to those in need—whether by delivering clean water, offering emergency shelter, or supporting communities in building a sustainable future.

Janet E

# CROSSWORD

(solution on P18)



## Across

- 1 Church or local government area (6)
- 4 Unmarried (6)
- 8 Rapidity (5)
- 9 Savings (4,3)
- 10 Cut into three parts (7)
- 11 Upper part of a wave (5)
- 12 Female deities (9)
- 17 Something of value (5)
- 19 Non-attendance (7)
- 21 Fretful (anag) (7)
- 22 Fresh bracing air (5)
- 23 Conundrum (6)
- 24 Immediately (2,4)

## Down

- 1 Former Spanish currency (6)
- 2 Staggering (7)
- 3 Grasslike plant of wet places (5)
- 5 Flies, beetles, etc (7)
- 6 Web-footed birds (5)
- 7 Fourscore (6)
- 9 Paris cathedral (5,4)
- 13 Obedient (7)
- 14 Isle of Wight resort (7)
- 15 Fried fish coating (6)
- 16 Erase (6)
- 18 In good condition (5)
- 20 Brief (5)

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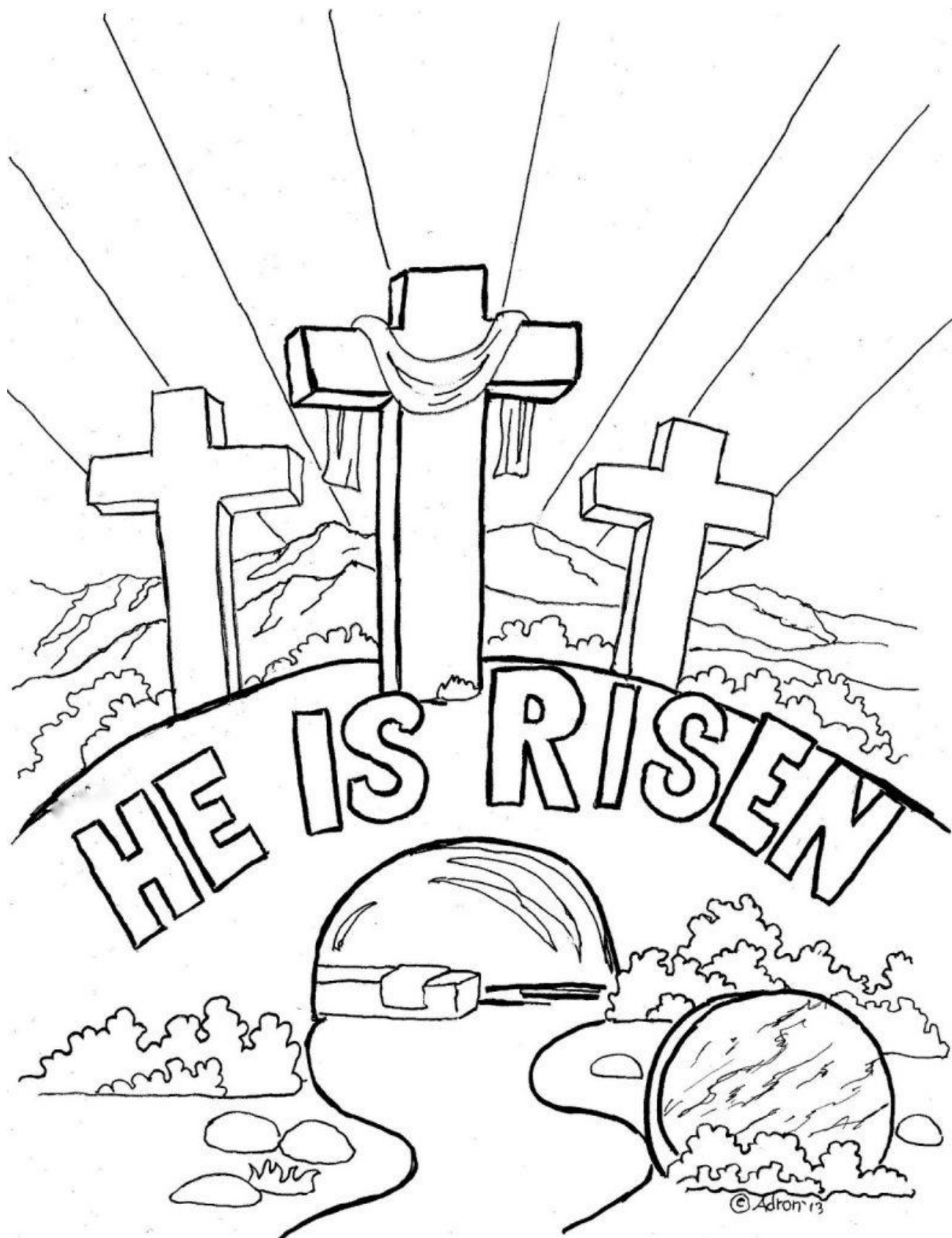
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## MAY MAGAZINE

Items for the next issue should be received  
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## COLOURING PAGE





## RECIPE PAGE

### RECIPE: MARY BERRY'S EASTER BISCUITS

#### INGREDIENTS (makes 24)

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened
- 75g/2¾oz caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 1 free-range egg, separated
- 1 small unwaxed lemon, finely grated zest only
- 200g/7oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 50g/1¾oz currants
- 1-2 tbsp milk

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Line three baking trays with baking paper.
2. Put the butter and sugar in a bowl and beat until well combined and fluffy. Add the egg yolk and lemon zest. Sift in the flour and mix well. Stir in the currants and enough milk to make a fairly soft dough.
3. Knead the dough on a floured work surface and, using a rolling pin, roll out the dough until 5mm/¼in thick. Using a 6cm/2½in fluted cutter, cut out 24 rounds. Transfer to the baking trays using a palette knife and bake for 8 minutes.
4. Lightly beat the egg white using a fork.
5. Remove the biscuits from the oven and brush the tops with the beaten egg white. Sprinkle over caster sugar and return to the oven for 5 minutes, or until pale golden brown and cooked though. Leave to cool on the trays for a few minutes, then carefully lift onto a wire rack to cool completely.





# TOUR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

## THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

The Galatians to whom the letter is addressed were Paul's converts, most likely among the descendants of Celts who had invaded western and central Asia Minor in the third century B.C. and had settled in the territory around Ancyra (modern Ankara, Turkey). Paul had passed through this area on his second missionary journey (Acts 16:6) and again on his third (Acts 18:23). It is less likely that the recipients of this letter were Paul's churches in the southern regions of Pisidia, Lycaonia, and Pamphylia where he had preached earlier in the Hellenized cities of Perge, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Lystra, and Derbe (Acts 13:13–14:27); this area was part of the Roman province of Galatia, and some scholars think that South Galatia was the destination of this letter.

If it is addressed to the Galatians in the north, the letter was probably written around A.D. 54 or 55, most likely from Ephesus after Paul's arrival there for a stay of several years on his third missionary journey (Acts 19; 20:31). On the South Galatian theory, the date would be earlier, perhaps A.D. 48–50.

Involved is the question of how one relates the events of Gal 2:1–10 to the "Council of Jerusalem" described in Acts 15 (see notes on each passage).

In any case, the new Christians whom Paul is addressing were converts from paganism (Gal 4:8–9) who were now being enticed by other missionaries to add the observances of the Jewish law, including the rite of circumcision, to the cross of Christ as a means of salvation. For, since Paul's visit, some other interpretation of Christianity had been brought to these neophytes, probably by converts from Judaism (the name "Judaizers" is sometimes applied to them); it has specifically been suggested that they were Jewish Christians who had come from the austere Essene sect.

These interlopers insisted on the necessity of following certain precepts of the Mosaic law along with faith in Christ. They were undermining Paul's authority also, asserting that he had not been trained by Jesus himself, that his gospel did not agree with that of the original and true apostles in Jerusalem, that he had kept from his converts in Galatia the necessity of accepting circumcision and other key obligations of the Jewish law, in order more easily to win them to Christ, and that his gospel was thus not the full and authentic one held by "those of repute" in Jerusalem (Gal 2:2). Some scholars also see in Galatians 5; 6 another set of opponents against whom Paul writes, people

who in their emphasis on the Spirit set aside all norms for conduct and became libertines in practice.

When Paul learned of the situation, he wrote this defense of his apostolic authority and of the correct understanding of the faith. He set forth the unique importance of Christ and his redemptive sacrifice on the cross, the freedom that Christians enjoy from the old burdens of the law, the total sufficiency of Christ and of faith in Christ as the way to God and to eternal life, and the beauty of the new life of the Spirit. Galatians is thus a summary of basic Pauline theology. Its themes were more fully and less polemically developed in the Letter to the Romans.

Autobiographically, the letter gives us Paul's own accounts of how he came to faith (Gal 1:15–24), the agreement in “the truth of the gospel” (Gal 2:5, 14) that he shared with the Jewish Christian leaders in Jerusalem, James, Cephas, and John (Gal 2:1–10), and the rebuke he had to deliver to Cephas in Antioch for inconsistency, contrary to the gospel, on the issue of table fellowship in the racially mixed church of Jewish and Gentile Christians in Antioch (Gal 2:11–14; cf. Gal 2:15–21). At the conclusion of the letter (Gal 6:11–18), Paul wrote in his own hand (cf. 2 Thes 3:17–18) a vivid summary of the message to the Galatians.

In his vigorous emphasis on the absolute preeminence of Christ and his cross as God's way to salvation and holiness, Paul stresses Christian freedom and the ineffectiveness of the Mosaic law for gaining divine favor and blessings (Gal 3:19–29). The pious Jew saw in the law a way established by God to win divine approval by a life of meticulous observance of ritual, social, and moral regulations. But Paul's profound insight into the higher designs of God in Christ led him to understand and welcome the priority of promise and faith (shown in the experience of Abraham, Gal 3:6–18) and the supernatural gifts of the Spirit (Gal 3:2–5; 5:16–6:10). His enthusiasm for this new vision of the life of grace in Christ and of the uniquely salvific role of Christ's redemptive death on the cross shines through this whole letter.

The principal divisions of the Letter to the Galatians are the following:

- i. Address (1:1–5)
- ii. Loyalty to the Gospel (1:6–10)
- iii. Paul's Defense of His Gospel and His Authority (1:11–2:21)
- iv. Faith and Liberty (3:1–4:31)
- v. Exhortation to Christian Living (5:1–6:10)
- vi. Conclusion (6:11–18)

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

## HOLY BAPTISM



01/03/2025

Hudson Card-Percival

*We have been called by the Lord to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he acquired for himself. Let us ask him to show his mercy on those who have received the graces of baptism, for their parents and godparents, and to all the baptized everywhere. Amen*

## FUNERALS



10/03/2025

Baby Cherry

13/03/2025

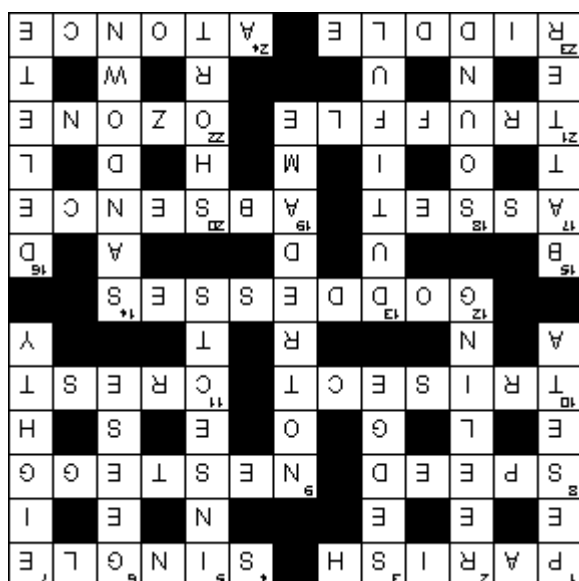
David Hole

28/03/2025

Nicholas Richardson

*Our thoughts and prayers  
are with all those who mourn their passing  
May the souls of the departed rest in peace  
and rise in Glory. Amen*

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION SUDOKU SOLUTION



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## DATES FOR THE NEXT TERM

*19<sup>th</sup> April - Cancelled*



Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

between 1500 - 1700 hrs

St Mary the Virgin,  
Church Approach,  
Stanwell,  
TW19 7JS



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# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at St Matthew Ashford  
On Tuesdays of Lent at 19:00

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# 2025 LENTEN SEASON

## Ash Wednesday

5th March 2025

12:00 - Low Mass -St Matthew's  
19:00 - Solemn Mass -St Mary's

## Mondays in Lent

19:00 - Low Mass -St Mary's  
followed by the Lent Course

## Tuesdays in Lent

19:00 - Stations & Mass  
-St Matthew's

## Mothering Sunday

30th March 2025

09:30 - Family Mass -St Matthew's  
11:00 - Family Mass -St Mary's  
18:30 - Evensong and Benediction  
-St Matthew's

## Palm Sunday

13th April 2025

09:30 - Family Mass -St Matthew's  
11:00 - Family Mass -St Mary's  
18:30 - Evensong and Benediction  
-St Matthew's

## Maundy Thursday

17th April 2025

12:00 - Low Mass -St Mary's  
19:00 - Solemn Mass -St Matthew's

## Good Friday

18th April 2025

10:00 - Stations -St Matthew's  
14:00 - Liturgy of the Day -St Mary's

## Holy Saturday

19th April 2025

20:00 - Vigil Mass -St Mary's





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&  
*St Matthew*  
ASHFORD

## Lent, Easter and Holy Week Services 2025



### Ash Wednesday (05/03/2025)

12:00	Low Mass	St Matthew's
19:00	Solemn Mass	St Mary's

### Mondays (throughout Lent)

19:00	Mass followed by Lent Course	St Mary's
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### Tuesdays (throughout Lent)

19:00	Mass and Stations of the Cross	St Matthew's
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### Mothering Sunday (30/3/25)

09:30	Family Mass	St Matthew's
11:00	Family Mass	St Mary's
18:30	Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's

### Holy Week

#### Palm Sunday (13/04/25)

09:30	Parish Mass	St Matthew's
11:00	Parish Mass	St Mary's
18:30	Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's

#### Monday - Wednesday (14-16/04/25)

19:00	Mass and Stations of the Cross	St Matthew's
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#### Maundy Thursday (17/04/25)

12:00	Low Mass	St Mary's
19:00	Solemn Mass followed by the Watch	St Matthew's

#### Good Friday (18/04/25)

10:00	Stations of the Cross	St Matthew's
14:00	Liturgy of the Day	St Mary's

#### Holy Saturday (19/04/25)

20:00	Vigil Mass	St Mary's
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#### Easter Sunday (20/04/25)

09:30	Parish Mass	St Matthew's
11:00	Parish Mass	St Mary's
18:30	Solemn Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's

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# EASTER DAY

## 20th of April 2025



### Masses

09:30 St Matthew's Ashford

11:00 St Mary's Stanwell

**Evensong & Benediction**

18:30 St Matthew's Ashford

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# QUIZ NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL, 2025**

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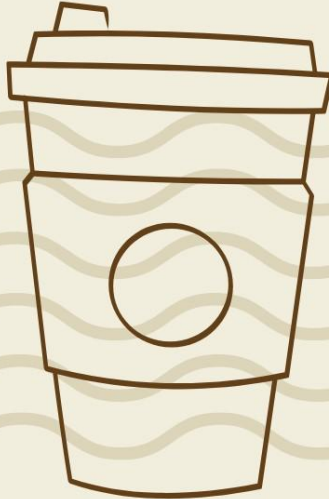
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# COFFEE MORNINGS

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## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

### Introducing the new Ashford Residents Association

Our aim is to benefit Ashford's residents and give everyone a voice. As community members, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in Ashford for everyone. Our goal is to keep residents connected on town issues, updates, and news, including building development, planning permission, residential concerns, and park maintenance. Please join us as we value all feedback and plan to work closely with local councillors, police, schools, and NHW groups to serve ALL Ashford residents.

"We believe Ashford is worth fighting for, and by joining together, families and residents of all ages, **WE CAN** create a secure, inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone to thrive in."

It is easy to sign up to have your say and discover how we can help you. To join and become a member or request further information please email us at [info@ashfordra.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordra.co.uk) or drop us a line at <https://ashfordra.co.uk>

#### The next Ashford Residents Association Members Meeting

**Saturday 14th June 2025**

**10.00am to 12.00pm**

**St Mathews Church Ashford TW15 2NY**

If you have any questions that you would like to submit before the meeting, please email [info@ashfordra.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordra.co.uk) and we will endeavour to add them to the agenda.



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