

**A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.***Ezekiel 37.1–14*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus, says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

**PSALM 130: For His mercy endures forever.****A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.***Romans 8.6–11*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.***John 11.1–45*

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for

God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So, the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## HYMN NUMBERS:

**SHEET** - How deep the fathers love for us  
**598** - There's a wideness in God's mercy.  
**469** - I heard the voice of Jesus say.  
**308** - Just as I am.  
**565** - Rock of ages, cleft for me

## Notices:

### LENTEN PROGRAM

**EVERY FRIDAY** – 12noon Stations of the Cross  
at St. Anne's

**LENTEN LUNCHES**.....Fridays from 12.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Deborah Pollecutt, 30 Shalbourne Cres.

**LENT COURSE BASED ON THE BOOK,**  
**"LENT WISE",** Wednesday 10.45 for 11.00am

### GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Will start at the Medical Centre at 10.15 ending at  
St. Peter's RC church.

### EASTER SUNDAY

We would be grateful for small posies of flowers to  
transform The Cross of Shame  
into The Cross of Glory.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN ACTIVITIES THEY CONTINUE WITH THEIR CHALLENGES ON THESE SUNDAYS

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Litter Pick. meet end of Shore Road 9.30am

### ST. ANNE'S - EASTER FLOWERS

There is a list at the back of the church for  
**Flowers in Memory.**

### EARNLEY CHURCH - EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate some money towards Easter  
Flowers in memory of a Loved One, please sign the list at  
the back of the church.

## Services this Week

**All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated**

**TUESDAY** 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY** 10.00am Said Eucharist

**FRIDAY** 12.00noon Station of the Cross

*Midweek services are held in the side chapel*

## Services Next Sunday

**(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – PALM SUNDAY**

**8.00am** Said Eucharist St. Anne's

**9.00am** Sung Eucharist Earnley

**10.15am** Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

**MEET OUTSIDE FOR BLESSING OF PALMS**

**Readings:** Matthew 21: 1-11

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel of the Passion from St. Matthew

*Please send any notices for Pews News to*

**Barbara Blundell no later than**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING.**

*Tel: 670791 or email [barbs.blundell@btinternet.com](mailto:barbs.blundell@btinternet.com)).*

## The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly  
invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the  
sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.  
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

## Lent 5

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God  
through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the  
Lord those events of your past week, and after the  
service, then talk to your friends.

**If you are a visitor to our church**, making a donation in the  
collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very  
grateful if you could put your donation in one of the  
envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift  
Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church  
can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.  
**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C"**

## Services today

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**8.00am** Said Eucharist St. Anne's

**9.00am** Sung Eucharist Earnley

**10.15am** Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** of the month – Healing & Anointing

## Intercessions

**The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:**

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall,  
Len Holliday, Jean Church, Florence Sumakoloyl,  
Margaret Bate, Michael Pettman, and members of our  
congregation who are unwell today.

**From our families and friends, we remember**

**Baby Phoebe**, Gerry Davies, Millie Polhill, Sally,  
Sherline Smith, Matthew Finch, Suzy Tyne,  
Sue Knight, Ann & Jeff Parks, **baby Logan**,  
**Pat & John Cox**, Jules Pettitt, **Dorothy Dixon**,  
**Lizi Benjamin**, Alan Wilson, Tula Hunt and her  
family, Gemma Hall, Paul Mitchel, Rod Willett, **Ben**,  
**Jess and family**. Also, all those in our local nursing  
homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care  
for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

**The Recently Departed**

Heather Thomas, Brian Seamen,

The Right Revd. Andrew Watson Bishop of Guildford.

**Those whose years mind falls at this time**

Kitt Ireland, Georgina Scott, Florence Chase,

Madeleine Fogg, Peter Cornish,