

The Gospel reading is read outside church and then a procession into church.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Matthew 21.1–11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

PSALM 31: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 50.4–9a

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens –wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 2.5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel of the Passion is taken from St Matthew 26: 14 - 27:66

This is rather a long reading, please sit if you would like.

Post Communion.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the Cross for our salvation: Give us mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen

HYMN NUMBERS:

- 129 - Ride on, ride on in majesty.**
- 112 - My song is love unknown.**
- 109 - It is a thing most wonderful.**
- SHEET - There is a redeemer.**
- 128 - All glory, laud and honour.**

NOTICES:

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

On Holy Saturday (4th April) starting 9.30am (or as soon as you can make it!) to ‘put the church back together again’, in readiness for Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY

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

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.

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne’s church

RESUMES ON 13th APRIL

QUIET PRAYER “PEACE ADVENTURE”:

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons,
West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm
& 7pm to 8pm

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

ALL UNLESS OTHERWISE UPDATED

HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Monday - 7.00pm – Said Eucharist of Reconciliation
& Forgiveness

Tuesday - 7.00pm – Said Eucharist of Healing and
Wholeness

Wednesday -10.00am – Said Eucharist
7.00pm—Quiet Reflection

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm – Sung Eucharist

*Followed by a time to watch & pray until **10.20pm**
then ending with Compline*

Good Friday - 10.15am Walk of Witness starting
at the Medical Centre and ending at St. Peter’s
Catholic Church

12.00noon—Stations of the Cross

2.00pm – Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 8.00pm – Easter Vigil

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)

5th April 2026 - EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne’s

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Celebration St. Anne’s

Readings: Acts: 10: 34-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18

Please send any notices for Pews News to

Barbara Blundell no later than

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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**The Parishes of Earnley with East
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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)

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

**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

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne’s

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Celebration

4th 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, Betty Kirkland 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, Trevor Couzens.** 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

Brian Seamen,

The Right Revd. Andrew Watson Bishop of Guildford.

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Michael Denham Rosemary Goulding, Dorothy Carter,
Ethel Coleman, George Downe, Robert Ekel