

Collect.

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2.14a, 22–32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

PSALM 116: “Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you”**A reading from the first letter of Peter.**

1 Peter 1.3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when

Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 20.19–31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion.

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism you have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN NUMBERS:

- 145 - Good Christians all rejoice and sing.**
- 162 - Ye choirs of new Jerusalem.**
- 141 - Christ the Lord is risen again.**
- 150 - Love’s redeeming work is done.**
- 167 - Hail the day that sees him rise.**

NOTICES:

MEN'S BREAKFAST

8.00am Saturday 25th April at The Woolpack Inn
Fishbourne. Speaker: Peter Marsden Chief
Executive of peacebuilding charity,
Condordis International

APCM AT ST. ANNE'S

Sunday 26th April, after the 10.15am service.
Please come and support your church and those who
work very hard to keep things going.

APCM AT EARNLEY

Also, on 26th April, following Evensong at 6.00pm.
Again, please support your 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

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

19th April 2026 – Easter 3

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Celebration St. Anne's

Readings: Acts: 2: 14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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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)

12th April 2026

Easter 2 (Low 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 Eucharist St. Anne's

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, Karen Grunert, Ava Kirby 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, Trevor Couzens, Lennart Nilsson. 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

Christopher Ellis

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Sheila Stone, Daphne Povey, Claire Goodall, Fiona Wheeler, Madelaine Webb, May Reid, Lois Rayson