

Collect.

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2.42–47

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"**A reading from the first letter of Peter.**

1 Peter 2.19–25

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

John 10.1–10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his

own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

**Post Communion.**

Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

HYMN NUMBERS:

- 589 - The King of love my shepherd is.**
- 380 - At the name of Jesus.**
- 467 - How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.**
- 469 - I heard the voice of Jesus say.**
- 453 - Great is thy faithfulness**

NOTICES:

NO HEALING SERVICE 26th APRIL (TODAY) AS WE HAVE OUR APCM FOLLOWING ON FROM THE 10.15 SERVICE. Please support this meeting

APCM AT ST. ANNE'S

TODAY, 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, **TODAY, following Evensong at 6.00pm.** Again, please support your church.

PEACE ADVENTURE: No meeting in May. We resume again on 14th June.

NOTICES contd....

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is **open until May 26th**. We welcome responses from everyone.

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":

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

**NO PEACE ADVENTURE IN MAY.
WE WILL RESUME AGAIN IN JUNE.**

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
ALL UNLESS OTHERWISE UPDATED

TIME TO UPDATE THE INTERCESSIONS LIST.

THIS WILL HAPPEN ON 3rd May
'Family & Friends'

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)

3rd May 2026 – Easter 5

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Acts: 7: 55-60

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

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 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)

26th April 2026

Easter 4

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"

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8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

6.00pm Evensong Earnley

4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF JUNE MAVIS LESTER

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Len Holliday, Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Michael Pettman, 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, Tula Hunt and her family,

Gemma Hall, Paul Mitchel, Rod Willett, Trevor

Couzens, Lennart Nilsson, Kelly Saby. 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, Alan Wilson,

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Cath Blundell, Simon Foster, John Youden,

Mary Ottaway, Kenneth Edwards, Alex Newman,

Eileen Jones, Mick Blundell