Services this week and next:

Sunday 12th (*Easter 2*)

09.00	Pidley	Service of the Word
09.00	Old Hurst	Holy Communion
10.30	Somersham	Service of the Word AMP & APCM

Wednesday 15th

09.30	Somersham	Holy Communion

Sunday 19th (*Easter 3*)

10.00	Pidley	Service of the Word
10.30	Somersham	Holy Communion
16.00	Woodhurst	Family Sevice

Wednesday 22nd

09.30	Somersham	Holy Communion

Somersham Annual Meetings

The Parish Church of Somersham St. John the Baptist Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the 10.30am morning service on **12th April 2026.**

The Friends of Somersham Church

The Friends of Somersham Church stall at the Cross on the Saturday of the Easter weekend raised £115.80. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall by contributing or buying goods. The next and final stall of the year will be on Saturday 6th June.

Your prayers are asked for:

Kevin Shillington, Roy Brown, Roz and Tim Berry, Mary M, Ernest, Riley, Jamie, Karen, Gwen, Isabel, Carol, Jane, Leesa. Lyn, Karel Hermary, Lea.

Prayer Diary

Sunday 12th April - Easter II

- Benefice of Impington: The Revd Canon James Blandford-Baker, The Revd Ben Barton, The Revd Ruth Chamberlain, The Revd Nick Romans; LLMs: Mrs Judith Adam, Mrs Rachel Carr, Dr Nigel Walter
- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Monday 13th

- Benefice of Landbeach: The Revd Paul Butler, The Revd Dr Simon Bradford, The Revd Jackie Metcalfe, The Revd Sarah Newns; LLMs: Dr Ray Gambell, Mrs Jane Oakes
- The Diocese of Wandi - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 14th

- Benefice of Madingley: The Revd Michael Bigg, The Revd Marie Lucchetta-Redmond, The Revd Kevin Parks; LLM: Miss Susan Rawlings
- The Diocese of Wangaratta - The Anglican Church of Australia

Wednesday 15th

- Benefice of Milton: The Revd Alex Jeewan, The Revd Dr Simon Bradford; LLMs: Mrs Jackie Cottingham, Mrs Kathy English, Dr Alan Skull
- The Diocese of Wanglei - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thursday 16th

- Benefice of Oakington: The Revd James Alexander
- The Diocese of Wanyjok - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Friday 17th

- Benefice of The "5folds" Team Ministry (Over, St Michael And All Saints Long Stanton, Swavesey, Willingham): The Revd Stephen Dove, The Revd Janet Tiplady, The Revd Ed Green; LLM: Canon Jan Payne
- The Diocese of Warri - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 18th

- Benefice of Waterbeach: The Revd Paul Butler, The Revd Dr Simon Bradford, The Revd Jackie Metcalfe, The Revd Sarah Newns; LLM: Mrs Jane Oakes
- The Diocese of Washington - The Episcopal Church

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12th April 2026

Easter 2

"Christ and the Doubting Thomas"



Luca Signorelli 1450 -1523

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Second Sunday of Easter *(year A)*

Collect Prayer

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 14.10–31; 15.20–21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

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.'

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 Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism 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, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Regular Activities

Welcome Café
Somersham Church 4th Sat of the month. 10:30-11:30 am. Coffee, Cake, Chat. Next: 25th April.

Woodhurst Open Church
1st Sat of the month. 10.30-12 noon.
Next: 2nd May

MiniMum
Somersham Church, 1st Weds of the month 10.30 am. Next meeting 6th May

Benefice Homegroup
Next: 14th April, 32 Norwood Road, Somersham.

Remembering Group for the bereaved.
2nd Weds of the month, 2pm. Next: 13th May.

Creative Minds.
Coffee & mindful activity/ crafts. Somersham Church
3rd Weds of the month, 2.30-4.30pm, Next: 15th April

Little Acorns baby and toddler group.
Tuesdays 9.30-11am. (During term times)

Messy Church
Next is 26th May, 10.00 am

Dynamite
Tweens' youth group for school years 4-8 at the Baptist Church, Somersham in partnership with St. John the Baptist, Somersham. Next meetings: 24th April; 8th May; 22nd May.