Prayer Diary

Sunday 19th April - Easter II

- Deanery of Shingay
- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Monday 20th

- Benefice of Bassingbourn: The Revd Helen Orr, The Revd Amanda O'Neill; LLMs: Ms Erica Coomber, Mr Simon Morris, Mr Stephen Renwick
- The Diocese of Wau - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 21st

- Benefice of Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow: The Revd David Lee
- The Diocese of Wellington - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Wednesday 22nd

- Benefice of Melbourn, LLM: Mrs Pat Smith
- The Diocese of Wernyol - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thursday 23rd

- Benefice of Meldreth, LLM: Mrs Pat Smith
- The Diocese of Wiawso - The Church of the Province of West Africa

Friday 24th

- Benefice of The Orwell Group (Arrington, Barrington, Croydon with Clopton, Orwell, Wimpole): The Revd Felicity Couch; LLMs: Mr Malcolm Barrett, Mrs Amanda Tuck
- The Diocese of Willochra - The Anglican Church of Australia

Saturday 25th

- Benefice of The Shingay Group (Abington Pigotts, Guilden Morden with Tadlow, Litlington, Steeple Morden, Wendy with Shingay): The Revd Sam Perez Criado, The Revd Ann Bol; LLMs: Mr Mike Birrell, Mrs Fiona Davis
- The Diocese of Winchester - The Church of England

Services this week and next:

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

Sunday 26th *(Easter 4)*

10.00	Pidley	Holy Communion
10.30	Old Hurst	Family Service
10.30	Somersham	Family Service
18.00	Woodhurst	Evening Prayer *and AMP/APCM*

Wednesday 29th

09.30	Somersham	Holy Communion

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**.

The Somersham Benefice

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Easter 3



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Third Sunday of Easter *(year A)*

Collect Prayer

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through 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.**

Zephaniah 3.14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

ACTS 2.14a, 36–41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Luke 24.13–35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post communion prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

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: 28th 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: 20th May

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.