

Parishes News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge



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18th April 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Easter



Details for Church By Telephone (CBT)

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Any telephone will work for the service by telephone,
a standard land line will be perfectly fine.

PRAYER BOX

Please pray for:

Those who live and work in Charlwood Mews and Glovers Road.

HM Queen Elizabeth, the Royal Family and all who mourn the loss of HRH Prince Philip around the world.

The sick, isolated and troubled, especially Maureen Pacey, Sheila W, David Jeffries, Andrew Hubbard and those who care for them.

Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died, particularly remembering HRH Prince Philip, and those who mourn for them.

LATEST UPDATE FROM REV SUE

HRH Prince Philip: Following the announcement of the death of HRH Prince Philip last Friday and his funeral on Saturday at 3pm, St Nicholas' will be open for anyone who wants to pay their respects on Friday 16th from 6pm to 7pm. People will be able to light a candle and sit quietly. Unfortunately, we are not able to have a Book of Condolence at this time. Face coverings will need to be worn and social distancing maintained. If a number of people arrive at the same time they might have to queue until a space is available. Please be patient.

If you would like to add your name to the online book of condolence you can do so on the Royal Family website – www.royal.uk. There is also a service of Prayer, Remembrance and Hope led by the Archbishop of Canterbury available online with the option to light a virtual candle - <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/service-prayer-remembrance-and-hope>



Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs): These are the churches' AGMs. Last year we were not able to hold the meetings so will be holding both the 2020 and 2021 meetings on the same day this year and are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Roll.

For Emmanuel that will be on the 9th May, after the 11am service, and for St Nicholas' the 16th May after the 9.30am service. Both meetings will be held in church so that we can be appropriately socially distanced.

The reports will be available in the next week or so.

SUNDAY READINGS ETC.

COLLECT FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**

FIRST READING — *Acts 3.12-19*

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

PSALM 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

- 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

GOSPEL READING – *Luke 24.36b-48*

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

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**



WEEKDAY READINGS

- Monday** - Psalm 96, Deuteronomy 5.1-22, Ephesians 1.1-14
Tuesday - Psalm 98, Deuteronomy 5.22-end, Ephesians 1.15-end
Wednesday - Psalm 105, Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 2.1-10
Thursday - Psalm 136, Deuteronomy 7.1-11, Ephesians 2.11-end
Friday - Psalm 5, Joshua 1.1-9, Ephesians 6.10-20 St George
Saturday - Psalm 108, Deuteronomy 8, Ephesians 3.14-end

AND FINALLY ...

As you will have read earlier in this News Sheet, we will be holding the churches' annual meetings in May. Part of those meeting will be to elect the Church Wardens, PCC members and those to represent us on the Deanery Synod. It would be lovely to come away from those meetings with a full complement of people for each of the groups.

It is one way we can share the load of caring for our churches and the people without putting too much load on any individual. We are particularly looking for PCC Secretaries, new PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives at both churches, and a Church Warden at Emmanuel. If you feel that you might be able to serve your church in this way, please do contact me or one of the Church Wardens.

Even if you feel there is already someone nominated it is still good to know of others who might be willing to stand, and we do have the option to co-opt people onto the Councils and committees if all elected spaces are filled. Wouldn't it be a lovely situation to be in?!

Please do give it some thought – many hands make light work.

In the meantime, take care everyone and keep safe.

God bless you.
Sue



"...and finally I'm happy to report that decision-making has become much easier following the downsizing of the Church Council."

Courtesy of Parish Pump, here is another episode of the letters from:

**The Rectory
St James the Least of All**



The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters ...

On the perils of holding a Rose Queen celebration

My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although it was less happy that some of them should have chosen to dress up as coronavirus bugs, full of those nasty spike proteins – that startled some of the timid residents in our community.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies, however, were less sympathetic when one of your hay bales was spun off on a tight corner and went through our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for speeding, and not social distancing, should boost our constabulary's figures for the next 12 months.

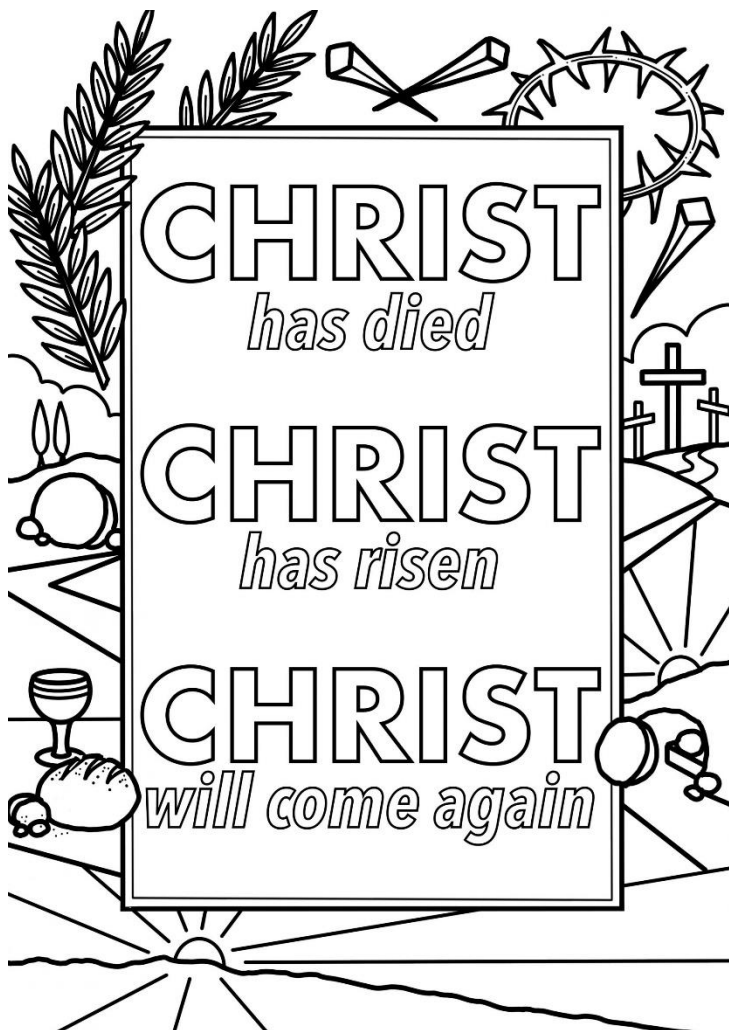
I must concede that the group who decided to make a *papier mache* swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a pity that they did not know a 15-foot-high swan would be driven under a 12-foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, I don't think our parish really wants a full-blown social media campaign for next year's Rose Queen, and so we will have to decline your offer.

The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the 'gold' crown is only metal foil, and the 'diamond' sceptre is only a piece of glass? So, whoever it was in your crowd who walked off with them, please may we have them back before next year?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Services for the next few weeks



Sunday 18th April	9.30am Said Communion at St Nicholas' 6.00pm Evening Prayer by telephone 📞
Wednesday 21st April	7.00pm Night Prayer by telephone 📞
Sunday 25th April	11.00am Said Communion at Emmanuel 6.00pm Evening Prayer by telephone 📞
Wednesday 28th April	7.00pm Night Prayer by telephone 📞
Sunday 2nd May	9.30am Said Communion at St Nicholas' 6.00pm Evening Prayer by telephone 📞
Wednesday 5th May	7.00pm Night Prayer by telephone 📞
Sunday 9th May	11.00am Said Communion at Emmanuel (APCM following morning service) 6.00pm Evening Prayer by telephone 📞
Wednesday 12th May	7.00pm Night Prayer by telephone 📞
Sunday 16th May	9.30am Said Communion at St Nicholas' (APCM following morning service) 6.00pm Evening Prayer by telephone 📞
Wednesday 19th May	7.00pm Night Prayer by telephone 📞