



Both Churches are under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough:

And are served by a Priest of the Society of the Holy Cross.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Sunday Masses:

Every Sunday:

9:15 – Vidi Aquam & Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses: S Mary's Pro Populo

11:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form S Saviour's Pro Populo

1st Sunday:

4:00pm – Solemn Mass – Extraordinary Form S Mary's Pro Populo

**Weekday Masses:**

Day	Observance	Time	Mass	Church	Mass Intention
Tue	Easter Tuesday	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Thu	Easter Thursday	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	People of The Ukraine
Sat	Easter Saturday	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	The Sick

**Confessions may be heard after any Low Mass, or by Appointment.**

**Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's on Easter Sunday:** At S Saviour's we have a Choral Mass with a choir singing the Haydn 'Little Organ Mass'. Welcome to the singers and many thanks as always to Laurence for organising it. We also welcome Denisa, Donald, Emily and Cristiano Pjetri who are being baptised at S Saviour's this morning.

**Many Thanks:** to all who have helped with the beautifying of our churches for Easter. The churches look splendid! Many thanks indeed!

**Holy Week:** It was good to see people at the services last week and good to have people along from both churches. Many thanks.

**HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year Has Begun!** Please keep HM The Queen in prayer during this historic and wonderful year, and especially now during reports that Her Majesty is becoming more frail of late.

**The Ukraine:** Please hold the people of The Ukraine in your prayers at this time of their invasion and for all politicians throughout the world involved in the current tragic situation.

**RIP Bob Kirby:** Bob died recently after bravely fighting a long illness. We send our love and prayers to Jennifer and the family at this time. A requiem mass will be sung at S Saviour's in the near future. Jesu mercy. Mary pray.

**S Mary's Storm Damage:** The large tree at the back of church is being dealt with but it is naturally taking time as it is a big operation. It is a dangerous area and people are advised not to take matters into their own hands, but simply to be patient. It is being dealt with.

**Bags for Schools:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please leave items at the vicarage garage in advance.

**Tea and coffee after Mass:** are available at both churches after Solemn Mass on Sundays. We hope you will be able to stay – please continue to socially distance.

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*Please take this newsheet away with you!*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

Or

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 117

**RESPONSE:** *This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end." **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Alternative reading* 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enlose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said "and we don't know where they have put him."

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**