

3rd Sunday after Easter Morning Worship

The Good Shepherd

Hymns

640 The King of Love
251 How Sweet The Sound
660 The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond)
366 Praise My Soul

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father
Amen

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:5-12

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the

name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." 12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:16-24

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel John 10:11-18

The Gospel of Christ according to John
Glorify to you, O Lord.

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Chatterbox

Every Wednesday 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet & chat.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study
Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

Community Larder
Larder restarts Tuesday 9th April

Stantonbury Churches Newsletter
Available by email or ask for a hard copy.
Copy on inside Notice Board.

EACH SUNDAY

Junior Church Restarting
for 2- 10 year olds

The SEP AGM
will be held on Thursday April
25th at 7:30 pm
at Christ Church,.

Paul Smith retires in the autumn.
A replacement Team Rector is to be sought.
This vacancy for the Team Rector post has now gone live and we provided you with the links below.

Church Times - [Team Rector vacancy in London and Home Counties \(churchtimes.co.uk\)](#)
Pathways - [Team Rector in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership in Milton Keynes | Church of England](#)
Diocese of Oxford - [Team Rector in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Milton Keynes - Diocese of Oxford \(anglican.org\)](#)

The Good Shepherd

When so much shepherding has gone so wrong,
So many pastors hopelessly astray,
The weak so often preyed on by the strong,
So many bruised and broken on the way,
The very name of shepherd seems besmeared,
The fold and flock themselves are torn in half,
The lambs we left to face all we have feared
Are caught between the wasters and the wolf.

Good Shepherd now your flock has need of you,
One finds the fold and ninety-nine are lost
Out in the darkness and the icy dew,
And no one knows how long this night will last.
Restore us; call us back to you by name,
And by your life laid down, redeem our shame.

Malcolm Guite
Chaplain of Girton College Cambridge,

The poem we didn't choose contained the lines:

*Still, I knew there was only a thin line
between the good shepherd and the butcher.
How many lambs had put their heads between the shepherd's knees,
closed their eyes, offering their neck to the knife?*
Part of The Good Shepherd by Stanley Moss

Zoom Link to 11 am Sunday 21st April

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[pwd=TM4vd00wancwVk52cCtqNm5tMWRZdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922248518?pwd=TM4vd00wancwVk52cCtqNm5tMWRZdz09)

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Sunday 21st April 2024

THE CROSS AND STABLE

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TODAY
Easter Three
Morning Worship
Led by Stephen

THIS SUNDAY
A Acts 4:5-12
(Psalm 23)
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

NEXT SUNDAY:
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY
Easter Four
Holy Communion
Led by Steve Barnes

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