

Easter Three

Now called

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus - The Good Shepherd

Hymns

649 The king of love my shepherd is

1008 The Lord's my shepherd

501 O Jesus I have promised

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

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. **44** All who believed were together and had all things in common; **45** they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

I Peter 2: 19 to 25

19 For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. **20** If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. **21** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

22 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. **25** For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel John 10: 1 to 11

The Gospel of Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10.1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. **7** So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. **11** 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Care Home Church Services-Today –
Neath House 3pm & Highclere 4pm

Next Family Breakfast Club – May 24th-
10 am

Next Sunday 29th March – I I am Palm
Sunday – Holy Communion,

Chatterbox

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

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

Community Larder

Every Tuesday from 11 - 12:30

Stantonbury Churches Newsletter

It is with great sadness that we have to report that John Porter the editor of the Newsletter died Suddenly on Monday 13th April, We offer our love and prayer for his wife Grace and members of St James New Bradwell..

NEXT SUNDAY

The Baptism of Bobby Patterson the grandson of Kelly.

There will be lots of visitors and not much car parking space. If us regulars could park as far from the church as possible that would help.

There are a few spaces at the bottom of Loriner Place.

Thanks

CROSS AND STABLE

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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,

Malcolm Suite



5th century mosaic, Ravenna Italy

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TODAY Baptism Communion Service Led by Phil	THIS SUNDAY 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-11	NEXT SUNDAY: t b a	NEXT SUNDAY Easter Four Baptism Communion Led by Peter
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