

VIEWS FROM THE PEWS
Information from English Heritage.org.uk

This week we celebrate England's Patron St. George on 23rd April. Did you know?

1. St George Wasn't English: Despite being hailed as a national hero, St George was actually born in Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey) in the 3rd century AD, more than 2,000 miles away from England.
2. Not a Knight, But an Officer: Although popular culture often depicts St George as a knight in shining armor, historical accuracy reveals that he was more likely an officer in the Roman army.
3. A Martyr for His Faith: Like many saints, St George was executed for his Christian faith during the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian in the early 4th century. He refused to make a sacrifice in honor of pagan gods.
4. England's Patron Saint: Although St George never visited England, his reputation for virtue and holiness spread across Europe. His feast day, April 23, has been celebrated in England since the 9th century. English kings, such as Edward I and Edward III, revered him. The St George cross (a red cross on a white background) became associated with England during the reign of Henry VIII.
5. The Dragon Tale: The famous story of St George slaying a dragon in Silene (modern-day Libya) emerged centuries after his death. Images of this heroic act date back to the 9th century, but the detailed dragon-slaying narrative gained popularity during the Middle Ages in a collection of saints' lives called The Golden Legend.
6. A Saint for Centuries: Pope Gelasius canonized St George in AD 494, recognizing him as one of those "whose names are justly revered among men but whose acts are known only to God." His feast day has been celebrated in England for hundreds of years, honoring the date of his martyrdom

PS: 23rd April is also Jean Turner's Birthday and we wish her Many Happy Returns of the Day.

We welcome enquiries about Baptism, Thanksgiving for Birth, Confirmation, Weddings, Marriage Blessings, Anniversaries, Memorials, Commemorations, House Blessings, and Special Celebrations.

DIARY FOR SERVICE

Wednesday 24th April

9.30am Cleaning in Church
10.00am Small Steps in Church Rooms
2.00pm Craft and Chat in Church Rooms

Thursday 25th April

7.45-9.00 Bellringing Practice with Ockham Bellringers at St. Mary's Church (see news)

Saturday 27th April

16.45-17.30 Visiting Band of Bellringers-see news

28 April Fifth Sunday of Easter (Rev'd Gerard Mee)

8.00am No Service
10:30 am Holy Communion in Church

Wednesday 1st May

10.00am Small Steps

5 May Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rev'd Gerard Mee)

8.00am Holy Communion in Church
10:30 am Holy Communion in Church

Monday 6th May

12.00-3.00pm Send May Fayre on the Rec.

Wednesday 8th May

9.30 Cleaning in Church
10.00am Small Steps in the Church Rooms

12 May Seventh Sunday of Easter (Rev'd Gerard Mee) Sunday after Ascension Day

08:00 am No Service
10:30 am Holy Communion

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www.sendparishchurch.co.uk

NEWS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Baptism at Holy Communion

SERVICES

**10.30am Baptism at Holy Communion-
Ronnie Carter
(Revd Clive Kirk)**

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are
above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEWS

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DONALD

Donald's funeral service will be at Woking Crematorium at 1.00pm on Monday 13th May. The family would like to welcome anyone attending to join them afterwards at Chobham Golf Club, Chobham Road, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2TZ. For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please RSVP by 29th April to elspeth.lindsey8@gmail.com best wishes, Janet and Elspeth

COFFEE SHOP

Thank you to everyone who supported Monday's Coffee Shop for Coeliac UK. The morning raised £204.50 for this charity which helps so many people who are coeliac or have gluten allergies. Thank you for all the amazing articles for the toiletries stall. Next month the Coffee Shop will be held on Monday 20 May and the stall will be *Plants & Gardening*. The proceeds will go to the Simon Trust, full details of which are in the May magazine.

MAY FAIR - 2 weeks to go!!

Monday 6th May

12noon to 3pm, Send Recreation Ground

Thank you to the Sunday Club team who have offered to help with transport of tables to the recreation ground. Now we could just do with a few more offers of help on the day, please. There is a rota at the back of church on which to put your name. We are going to raffle a hamper (or hampers!) and would be very grateful for offers of food items for these. There is a clearly marked box in the porch, quite separate from the Foodbank donations box. Items for the toy stall would also be much appreciated. Please speak to Christine Lavender if you have any questions! 01483 768420 or chris@lavenderfamily.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS

I've had many people ask when will we hear the bells ringing again at St Mary's. I'm pleased to say as of Thursday 25th of April you will be able to hear them.

Every fourth Thursday of the month. John Young the tower captain at Ockham Church and long-time friend of my dear late father Ivan has kindly agreed to give up their practice night at Ockham to allow us to ring at Send once a month. You are welcome to come and listen and watch between 19:45 and 21:00. If you would like to have a go and learn or know anyone that does please let me know. **Rachel**

EAT WELL, SPEND LESS COURSE

Learn new skills - cooking from scratch, meal planning and budgeting - for free! The Runnymede Foodbank has organised a 6 week course on Thursdays from 9th May at 10am at The Beacon, 94 Guildford Street, Chertsey KT16 9AS. If you are interested contact Helen Bunclark at eatwellspendless@runnymede.foodbank.org.net or ring the Foodbank on 01932 943056 for more details and to book a place.

OLD GREEN HYMN BOOKS

Our wonderful old green hymn books will be on their way to a charity very soon. If you would like to have one for posterity to take home with you, please ask Helen or myself, and we will gladly hand one over to you. **Rachel and Helen**

VISITING BELLRINGERS

Saturday 27th April you will hear St Mary's Church bells. Sixteen members of the Somerset & Friends Bellringers have asked to ring our lovely bells. Come down and watch and have a cup of tea. They will be here from 16:45 to 17:30. **Rachel**

MORE HELP?

Can we relieve you of your empty compost bags? We would like to recycle them. The bags must be able to hold garden waste and not be split down the middle.

SUNDAY CLUB AND YAC:

Our next Sunday Club meeting is 28th April and looks at the topic of journeying alongside others. The full programme can be found in the April Outlook Magazine or on the website.

If your family has a child aged 3 – 12 years old who is interested in joining Sunday Club or a young person in School Year 7 or above who is interested in joining YAC, please get in touch.

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A MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW OUR STAND-IN ORGANIST - TODAY

Piano recital in aid of Farnham Youth Choir – Sunday 21st April – 3.00

In case you don't know (haha!), one of my other jobs is playing for the fabulous Farnham Youth Choir. We will be going to New Zealand in July to compete at the World Choir Games. Think of it like the Olympic Games for choirs! We've all been doing lots of fundraising to help keep the costs of the tour as bearable as possible, and on 21st April I will be giving a piano recital at St. Peter's Church, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JE. to hopefully add a few more pounds to the tour fund. The concert will last for around 50 minutes and will feature some classical piano pieces by Bach, Brahms and Schubert. I will also be joined by a small ensemble from the choir who will perform a few items. Entry will be free with a retiring collection in aid of the choir. There won't be tickets for this concert, so please just come along on the 21st and enjoy some nice music in a beautiful church.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS APRIL's FOCUS

If you cannot get your donations to church please speak to Rachel or Helen or email 'news'

pasta sauce	tinned tomatoes
tinned meat	women's deodorant
tinned spaghetti	antibacterial spray
tinned fruit	rice
custard	coffee

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