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DOUBT NO LONGER BUT

believe

JOHN 20:28

**Sunday 11 April 2021**

**2nd Sunday**

**in Easter**

**First Reading**  
**Second Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**

Acts 4.32-35  
1 John 1.1-2.2  
John 20.19-end

**To phone in and listen to this week's 10am Sunday Service please call  
01184 693023**

**Week Commencing 12 April ....**

<b>Mon</b> 12 April	John 3.1-8
<b>Tues</b> 13 April	John 3.7-15
<b>Weds</b> 14 April	John 3.16-21
<b>Thurs</b> 15 April	John 3.31-end
<b>Fri</b> 16 April	John 6.1-15
<b>Sat</b> 17 April	John 6.16-21

PEACE BE WITH YOU.  
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME,  
EVEN SO I AM SENDING YOU.

John 20:21



## Notices:

**REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and ending on Thursday 29 April 2021. If you would like to join the electoral roll or you are already on the roll and have changed any of your contact details please email [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk) or call 0118 9669080 for a electoral roll form.

**The Parish office will be closed on the following dates next week:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Weds 14<sup>th</sup> April. I will still be checking emails and the answerphone so do feel free to leave messages.

**Reading at Work Webinar Armed for your Workplace** Monday, 26 April 2021 at 19:30pm We explore what this full armour of God might mean for us in living out our Christian faith in our frontlines. Join us on zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86542054253?pwd=NmRVdkdMa2xEL0tycldBTThtMUVMrQT09> Meeting ID: 865 4205 4253 Passcode: RatW

Since it is not possible to hold the usual Spring Fair, **Christ Church, Woodley** have decided to extend their car-park table sale, in a covid-safe way, to take its place for this year.

With the range of donations that we have had at the drop off/connection point, we have a variety of things that we were unable to pass on to charities. We have decided that along with the plants, jams and masks that we already have on sale, each week we would have one additional table out as listed below:

w/b April 19<sup>th</sup>

Kitchen/dining items



w/b April 26<sup>th</sup>

Bric-a-brac, adult books, jigsaw puzzles and CDs

w/b May 4<sup>th</sup>

Children's books, games and jigsaw puzzles

(3<sup>rd</sup>:Bank Holiday)

w/b May 11<sup>th</sup>

Craft items



We have plenty of kitchen/dining and bric a brac, but if you have any of the other items listed, please bring them down to the church, ideally any weekday **in the week before they are due for sale**, 10am to 2pm. Plants will be gratefully received during these times on **any week**. We would like to encourage you to pop down and see what we have for sale. Money raised will be split between all the charities we have been supporting: Toilet Twinning, Cowshed Christian Community Action, Woodley Foodbank, Woodley Lunchbunch, Churches In Reading Drop Off Centre.

# PRAYER

Prayer Chain Requests can be sent to Janice Williams at [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk) or 07453 859159

**Collect:** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.



## A PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and  
mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

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### JPEG's Pray for Three Things in April JPEG's Three Things for April

JPEG (St Nicolas Justice, Peace and Environment Group) would love it if you joined us in prayer for the following items. You can click on the links to find out more.

- 'Hope will Rise'. Easter - a time to especially pray for the Holy Land in its pain and struggles. Sabeel=Kairos UK are hosting an Easter service on April 10<sup>th</sup> 4 pm. For details and to book: <https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/easter-service-2021-uk-time/>
- The diocese of Oxford has publicly announced its divestment from fossil fuels, <https://twitter.com/oxforddiocese/status/1375144310849601538> as has the Baptist Union, <https://brightnow.org.uk/news/baptist-union-overwhelmingly-votes-for-divestment-from-fossil-fuels/>. Thank God for these and other moves.
- Pray that the government would quickly reconsider its cut to overseas aid. The cuts are resulting in some of the world's poorest losing half of their funding, eg Lebanon is set to lose 88%, whilst the Yemen has had cuts of 60%. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/overseas-aid-cut-world-poorest-countries-b1813105.html>

## Notices:

**Pastoral Care at St Nicolas** - If you feel like a chat on the phone or wish to pray with someone please give us a call. We are also able to help with essential shopping, collecting prescriptions.

Contact **Jenny Bryce 0118 926 8561** or **Parish Office 0118 966 9080**.

**Earley Hub** [earleyhub@gmail.com](mailto:earleyhub@gmail.com) 07493 784091 is also there to offer help to the community - Collecting prescriptions and shopping, prayer, a listening ear and recommending other help.

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**Wokingham Borough have advised that residents will be able to access free, regular, rapid Covid tests from 9 April.** You can access them by:

- Visiting one of the static or mobile test centres
- Collecting home test kits from the Community Collect sites across the borough, or a local PCR test site (afternoons only)
- Through workplace or school testing schemes
- Ordering home test kits for delivery from Gov.uk
- Collecting home test kits from participating pharmacies

More details on the above sites are on their website <https://cutt.ly/ocKOSG9>

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**Many of you have asked if you could hear the poem that Lynn quoted in her sermon on Easter Sunday again:**

### **What Happened?**

Was it sudden,  
Or was it slow?  
A gentle, hidden thing that few could see?  
How can I understand, or how believe?  
When fear and pain hold all, what slow awakening brings release?  
Hold on to fear, for fear is understood.  
Hold on to pain, for pain is safe.  
Let me still grieve for grief at least is real,  
But this new wonder cannot be.  
Don't believe it, it will let you down.  
Don't hope, for hope is false.  
Yet comprehension dawns, inexorable as day:  
In the end, I do not need to understand –  
Only to see, only to live, only to know.