



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland Newsletter – April 2026

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Thought for April

'Last of all ... he appeared also to me' 1 Corinthians 15:8

Our Easter celebrations are over. We have taken 40 days of Lent in preparation for the remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ so it may be that now the celebrations are over; we forget that Easter isn't.

We now take 40 days in the church season of Easter to 'sound the depths' of meaning in the glorious truth that Christ is risen. And there is no better way to begin this 40 days of joy than by reading slowly and carefully Paul's 58 verses on the theme of resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15.

Let's begin April with the glorious assertion of the good news that is at the heart of everything. Paul begins chapter 15 with a summary of the gospel as the foundation for all that is to come. *'Christ died ... was buried ... and was raised'* (verses 3-4).

Our faith is rooted in a series of historical events that are themselves the fulfilment of scripture and have a profound meaning. The resurrection is a historical fact as is established in an impressive list of witnesses. Our faith is grounded in real events. But faith in the resurrection is also lived experience. Paul's experience of the risen Christ is both a last and a first. He is the last of the apostles to experience a vision of the risen Lord. Yet he is the first of countless millions of Christians to encounter the risen Christ and hear his call.

I pray that our experience of the risen Christ this Easter has enabled all of us to take another step of faith. We live in resurrection times, upon a sure foundation so let us be faithful people who fill St John's Church with faith and hope and joy this Easter season.



Services at St John's in April 2026

Sunday 5th April - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Easter Day Family Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 12th April - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion with Sunday Smilers, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 19th April – 8am – Service of the Word, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 26th April - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Messy Church

Tuesday 28th April- 3:30pm



Breakfast Hub

1st Saturday of the month, 9am-11am at St Peter & St Paul, Lingfield

Compline on Zoom

Every Wednesday at 8pm
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74615258857?pwd=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsITCgyX.1>
Meeting ID: 746 1525 8857
Passcode: compline

Meeting Up & Warm Hub

We meet in the Centenary Room
Tuesday 3rd & 17th March. – 10am-12pm

Wine & Wondering

Wednesday 29th April – 7:30pm at The Star Inn,

Saturday Lunches

A free simple lunch is offered in St Bernard's on the last Saturday of every month from **12.30 pm**. The next one will be on **Saturday 28th March**



Friday Prayer

Jesus prioritised prayer in his busy life. We are setting aside an hour each Friday to pray from 4pm in St Andrews Chapel for the needs of the parish and the wider world.

Online Home Group Gathering

Join Melinda for a contemplative-focused home group that meets every other Wednesday from 11:00am to 12:00pm on Zoom. This is a space for reflection, connection, and quiet encouragement on our journey of faith. All are welcome.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085759497?pwd=YIUUmUGGMAT8slZNq0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>
Meeting ID: 830 8575 9497
Passcode: 57N5yU

Home Groups

These groups meet in people's homes on a regular basis. They involve times of Bible study/or discussion, a time of prayer and mutual support. The group meets at various homes on a **Wednesday** afternoon beginning at **2:30pm**. Please see Jackie Harrison for further information.

Bubble Church

Our first Bubble Church service will be at **9am on Sunday 3rd May!**

We are looking forward to welcoming 0-7-year-olds and their parents and carers to this wonderful, lively and enjoyable worship service which will continue at 9am on the first Sunday of each month. Please understand if this causes any disruption to our usual rhythm on a Sunday morning

APCM

Please remember that our APCM will take place after the 10am service on **Sunday 26th April**. Please stay and join us as we look back over the year 2025 with thanks to God for how he has blessed St John's during that time, as we place our plans for the future into His hands

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

at St John's at 2pm on 4th August. Suitable for all ages. For more details of how to book 07732 253311