

**The Benefice of Tilehurst
St George and
St Mary Magdalen**
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Easter Term
20th April – 1st June 2025

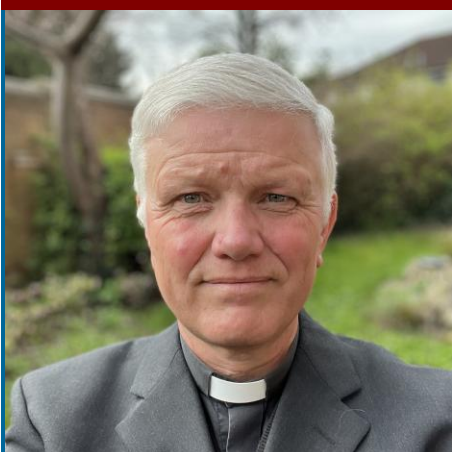


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Sunday 25th May 2025

FROM THE VICARAGE



Happy Easter!

Adam writes

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

When we think of resurrection, it's easy to imagine it as a one-off event. Easter Day, Jerusalem, somewhere near a quarry called Golgotha. Maybe, we're being super alert and referring to the general resurrection at the last day – Martha's assumption in John 11.24.

But the resurrection is not an event. Like gravity it is part of the fabric of creation. It's the way things work.

Here's what I mean. God creates stuff. All the time. It's what God does, because God wants things to exist and flourish. There is always something new for him to allow to pop up, to speak into existence. New things are always happening, creation out of nothing.

Physicists talk about everything appearing out of nothing – the very big – and of subatomic particles appearing and disappearing in a similar way – the very

small.

We are part of that when we give birth, when we engage in art and craft, when we learn things, when we co-operate to make things happen, when we pray. When we love.

Our consciousness is a gift to us from God which helps us be aware of resurrection all around us.

**With every blessing,
Adam**

WHAT'S ON

Weekly Events

- Sun 10am, Holy Communion, St George's and St Mary Magdalen's
- Wed 10am, Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalen's, followed by coffee.
- Fri 10am, Holy Communion, St George's, followed by coffee and chat until 12pm.

April

- Tue 22 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Nirvara Lodge
5.45pm, PCC Meeting at St George's
- Sat 26 3pm, St George's Tea at St George's, £5 donation on the door.
- Sun 27 11.30am, APCM, St George's
- Mon 28 5.30pm, PCC Meeting at 85, Fairford Road

May

- Tue 6 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Moorlands Care Home
8pm, Music Committee Meeting, 112 Grovelands Road
- Sat 17 10am, Succession Planning Meeting, 85 Fairford Road
7pm, West Reading Churches Christian Aid Quiz and supper, St Michael's Hall
- Tue 20 11.30am, Holy Communion at Riverview Care Home
- Sat 24 2pm, Wedding Rehearsal, St George's

- Tue 27 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Nirvara Lodge
- Sat 31 2-4pm, Summer Fayre, St George's

School Holidays 24th May – 1st June

READING STREET PASTORS

Celebration Service 2025

6pm on Saturday 10th May

Greyfriars Church RG1 1EH

We request the pleasure of your company to celebrate 16 years of Reading Street Pastors & the commissioning of new volunteers. Service starts at 6pm with light refreshments served from 7pm.

**Sally Leonard - tel 07970 710 080
- email reading@streetpastors.org.uk**

ADVANCED DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

- Tue 3 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Moorlands Care Home
- Sun 8 Pentecost Lunch details TBC
- Tue 10 11.30am, Holy Communion at Riverview Care Home
- Sat 14 3.30pm, Wedding of Thomas Sheridan and Sam Smith, St George's
- Tue 24 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Nirvara Lodge

**Fri 27th – Sat 28th
'Closer to God : 24 Hours with God'**

A Benefice day away at St Mary's Wantage, led by June Hardcastle on the theme of 'Dreams'

See separate application form at the back of church, which should be completed as soon as possible.

July

- Tue 1 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Moorlands Care Home
- Tue 8 11.30am, Holy Communion at Riverview Care Home
- Mon 14 5.30pm, PCC Meeting at 85, Fairford Road

Tue 22 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Nirvara Lodge

August

Tue 5 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Moorlands Care Home

Tue 12 11.30am, Holy Communion at Riverview Care Home

Sat 16 3pm, St George's Picnic, Prospect Park, details TBC

Tue 26 2.30pm, Holy Communion at Nirvara Lodge

READING UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

Annual Chaplaincy Event Invitation

Immaculate Forms: The History and Theology of Women's Bodies

Thursday 8th May 2025

18:30-20:00

Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley Building

Whiteknights Campus or join online

Free tickets. Booking essential at:

<https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/4R68-GX4/chaplaincy-lecture-2025>

BENEFICE RECORDS

Upcoming Baptisms in the Benefice

5 May Brody and Ethan Parkins

18 May Cassius Goddard

May God bless them as they begin their journey in Christ

Couples Preparing for Holy Matrimony

14 Jun Thomas Joseph Sheridan and Samantha Jane Smith

May God bless them at this happy time.

Funerals from the Benefice

27 Feb Susan Elizabeth Joy

7 Apr Peter Bernard Demar

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Praying for Christians around the world

20-Apr Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

27-Apr The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

04-May The Church of Ireland

11-May The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

18-May The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

25-May The Anglican Church of Kenya

01-Jun The Anglican Church of Korea

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Contacts for St George's

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Treasurer: Bridget Britton (0118 959 6583, rodbrampton@sky.com)

Hall Bookings: Bridget Britton (0118 959 6583, rodbrampton@sky.com)

Contacts for St Mary Magdalen's

Church Wardens: Rita Hicks (07751 885867), Carl Feltham (07305 422699)

Treasurer: Dale Sutcliffe

Hall Bookings: Margaret Palmer, margaret_palmer@yahoo.co.uk



St George's Church Tea Party

Come and enjoy delicious cakes, Teas, Coffee, and lots of fun with word games, puzzles, raffles, and much more

Saturday 26th April 3pm - 5pm

£5 donation at the door