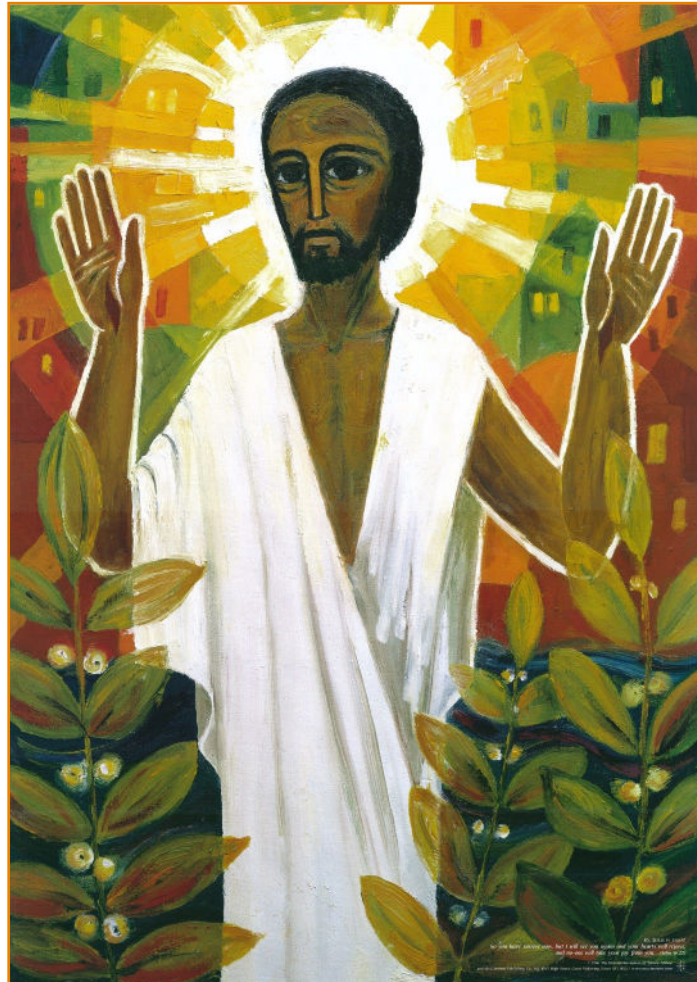


**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



**Easter Day
Eucharist with Liturgy of Baptism
and Baptism Renewal**

5th April 2026

The Gathering of the Community

The Ministers gather at the West door (the main entrance to the church)

The congregation's responses are in **bold** type.

Presider: I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

Āmine.

(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)

On Good Friday, we followed Jesus' journey with the Stations of the Cross, which ended at Station 15, the Burial of Jesus after his death on the cross at Golgotha. Today, we start our service at Station 16, the Resurrection of Jesus, and the women discovering the empty tomb.

Reading: When the Sabbath was over, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb with burial spices to anoint Jesus' body. They found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. They saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, who said to them, "Do not be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised, he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. Go and tell his disciples that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. *(Mark 16:1-7 adapted)*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candles

We stand as the presiding priest marks and blesses the Easter Candles for St Matthew's, the Lady Chapel, and St Peter's

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
**to him be glory and power,
through every age
and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ
passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians
celebrate the awesome power of God.

As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share
his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The Paschal Candles are lit, lifted high, then the presiding priest says:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The procession is led by the Easter Candles as we sing

Hymn: ***Jesus Christ is risen today***

CP147 - Tune: EASTER HYMN

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!**
- 3 But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

When the Paschal Candles are placed on their stands, the Presider says:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb,
and turns our tears to joy.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes through our locked doors,
and turns our fear to courage.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes to daily life and work,
and turns our failure to new vision.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ breaks the bread,
and turns our despair to hope.
For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

As we rejoice in the gift of Christ's risen presence with us,
we celebrate, joyfully, in song and dance,
with a version of 'The Gloria'
led by our seasonal work brothers and sisters ...
(English translation below)

The Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

We sit

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Collect for Easter Day:

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!
**Love reigns! You are life stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1–2, 14–24 (ANZPB)

- ¹ We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
and your love endures for ever.
- ² Let the house of Israel say:
‘God’s love endures for ever.’
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my defence:
and has become my deliverer.
- ¹⁵ There are shouts of joy and deliverance
in the tents of the righteous:
the right hand of the Lord does mighty things.
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord raises up:
the right hand of the Lord does mighty things.
- ¹⁷ I shall not die but live:
and proclaim what the Lord has done.

- 18 The Lord indeed has punished me:
but did not give me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of the temple:
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:
through which the righteous shall enter.
- 21 I will thank you because you have answered me:
and you have become my deliverer.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*Together in Song #394 - Words: Brian Wren © 2022 Hope Publishing
Tune: ODE TO JOY [Beethoven] TIS#152*

- 1 **Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown:
healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**
- 2 **Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
'Christ is risen! Get you gone!'
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!**

We remain standing for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
and the living one;
I was dead, and behold
I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter twenty-eight, beginning at the first verse.
Alleluia!
Praise and glory to God. Alleluia!

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ. Alleluia!
Praise to Christ, the Word. Alleluia!

The Sermon

A silence and/or music for reflection may follow.

The Liturgy of Baptism

The candidates for baptism, along with their parents, godparents, and supporters gather around the font at the front of the church with the baptising priest; the congregation sit.

God's Call

The priest says: E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

The Presentation for Baptism

Each candidate for baptism is presented individually by a sponsor, or, in the case of a child, by parents or godparents. The priest says to the presenters:

Who do you bring to be baptised?

The presenters respond for their candidate for baptism individually, saying:

I present *(my child: John / Anna);
(Lazhon Damion)*
to be baptised and made a member
of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The priest says:

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and, by the grace of God, serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers:

‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus the Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is to you and to your children,
and to all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God may call.’

The priest says to the adult candidate, and to the parents and godparents of the children:

Albert and Ansha, Youhan, and Gingu; Lazhon

How do you respond to this promise?

The parents and godparents of the children reply together:

We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

The adult candidate replies:

I hear God's call and come for baptism.

The priest says to the parents and godparents of the children, and to the adult candidate:

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers
that rebel against God?

They reply: I renounce all evil.

The priest says to the adult candidate, and to the parents and godparents of the children:

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness,
freedom, and life?

The parents and godparents of the children reply together:

In faith, I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life,
as I care for these children.

The adult candidate replies:

In faith I turn to Christ my way, my truth, my life.

All: May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The Baptism

The priest stands by the water for baptism, and says:

All: Praise God who made heaven and earth,
whose promise endures for ever.

The priest prays:

We thank you God for your love in all creation,
especially for your gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel;
through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom
in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his
baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be
exalted Lord of all.

It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism
you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us
to new life.

In the new covenant we are made members of your Church
and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit, fulfil once more your promises
in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

*The priest baptises each candidate for baptism individually by pouring water on the
candidate, and saying:*

John / Anna / Lazhon Damion

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God receives you by baptism into the Church.

**Child of God, blessed in the Spirit,
welcome to the family of Christ.**

The priest makes the sign of the cross (with Holy Oil) on the baptised, and says:

We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

A lighted candle may be presented by a member of the congregation, who says:

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.
Shine with the light of Christ.

The Affirmation

All who are able, stand to respond in these affirmations.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

The priest says to all those present who are baptised Christians:

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.

**All: Blessed be God,
JESUS IS LORD!**

The congregation sit

The priest then says to the newly baptised, and the children's parents and godparents:

What is your faith?

They respond together, saying:

I believe and trust in God the Father,
maker and sustainer of all things;
and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ;
and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth.
This is my faith.

The priest speaks to the parents and godparents of the children:

How then will you care for these children?

The parents and godparents reply together:

I will love them and share my faith with them.

The priest says to the congregation:

As the community of faith,
we rejoice at these baptisms
and will share with *John, Anna, and Lazhon*
what we ourselves have received:
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God,
a desire to follow the way of Christ,
and food for the journey.

The priest then says to the newly baptised:

John, Anna, Lazhon,
you are now pilgrims with us.
As members of Christ's body, the Church,
you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God
and receive the laying on of hands in confirmation.
May you grow in the Holy Spirit,
fulfil your ministry
and follow Christ your whole life long.

The priest then blesses the family:

God bless you with wisdom and love,
may these children find in you,
your homes and families,
Christ's love and understanding.
Amen.

And the adult:

God bless you with wisdom and love;
may Christ's love and understanding be found in you,
your home and family.

Amen.

The priest, with the people, prays:

God of love,
we thank you for our calling to be disciples of Christ.

Help us to nurture

John, Anna, and Lazon

in the faith we share.

May they grow to love, worship and serve you,
and bring life to the world.

Amen.

All return to their seats.

A Commitment to Christian Service (Baptism Renewal)

All standing, the priest then says to the congregation:

I invite you to stand to affirm your commitment to Christ
and your rejection of all that is evil.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation:

Those who are baptised are called to worship
and serve God.

From the beginning, believers have continued in the
apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

**I will, with God's help.
Through God's grace,
I will forgive others as I am forgiven;
I will seek to love my neighbour as myself,
and strive for peace and justice;
I will accept the cost of following Jesus Christ
in my daily life and work;
with the whole Church,
I will proclaim by word and action,
the Good News of God in Christ.**

*The water from the Baptismal Font is used by the Priest to sprinkle the congregation,
as we sing:*

In Christ we died; with Christ we live

Words: Norman Goreham © Jubilate Hymns

Tune: ST PETER (A.R. Reinagle) - CP338

**¹ In Christ we died; with Christ we live
from sin made truly free,
our claim with all who follow him:
“Not I, but Christ in me!”**

- 2 **The grain of wheat into the ground
must fall alone and die,
before it can attain new life
and grow and multiply.**
- 3 **They crucified the Lord of life,
then in the tomb he lay,
until the resurrection news
rang out on Easter Day.**
- 4 **At this baptismal font, the rite
proclaims that we have died,
yet live no more in Christ's dark tomb,
but risen at his side!**
- 5 **In Christ we died; with Christ we live,
from sin made truly free;
our claim with all who follow him:
"Not I, but Christ in me!"**

The renewal of baptism is concluded with the following prayer.

God our creator, the rock of our salvation,
we thank you for our new birth by water
and the Holy Spirit,
for the forgiveness of our sins,
and for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all those who have been baptised in your name;
**keep us faithful to the calling of our baptism,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We sit or kneel

Let us pray for the church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

Risen God, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence,
we pray for ourselves and our ministries.

Silence

Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more
than all we can ask or conceive,
by the power which is at work among us,
be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all ages.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

As the Offertory Hymn is sung, the altar is prepared with the bread and wine and the offerings of the people are collected and presented.

Offertory Hymn: **Light's glittering morning fills the skies**

Jubilate Hymns version of 'Aurora lucis rutilat' translated by John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866)

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- 1** Light's glittering morning fills the sky,
heaven thunders out its victor-cry;
Alleluia, alleluia!
earth shouts her Easter triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** For Christ the Lord, the mighty king,
closes with death and draws its sting;
Alleluia, alleluia!
he tramples down the powers of night,
brings out his ransomed saints to light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 His rocky tomb the threefold guard
of watch and stone and seal had barred,
Alleluia, alleluia!
but now in royal triumph high
he comes from death to victory!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Hell's gates are broken down at last,
our days of mourning now are past;
Alleluia, alleluia!
'Weep not,' an angel voice has said,
'Jesus is risen from the dead!'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
Alleluia, alleluia!
from every weapon death can wield
your own redeemed for ever shield
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
Alleluia, alleluia!
to Father, Son and Spirit be
all power and praise eternally!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us
the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour
and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.

'I am among you,' he said,
'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end,
the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day,
from us and all people,
here and everywhere. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.
Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion:

Lord God, you made this day bright
with the radiance of the risen Christ;
may we who have been raised with him in baptism
reflect the light of his glory,
and live with him for ever.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Christ, you are risen with the sun;
you are light in our darkness, warmth in our cold.
You are peace and hope and joy
for you went willingly to death.
You turned defeat and failure to victory for all.
You live eternally, and with you live the millions,
living and dead, who trust in you. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, who by death has destroyed death,
give you all courage and joy in believing;
And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer,
and Giver of Life be with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

SG404 / CP145 - Words: Cyril Alington © Hymns Ancient & Modern

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT [VULPIUS]

- 1**
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king;
to all the world glad news we bring:
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”
- 2**
The Lord of life is risen today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let every tongue rejoice and say:
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

- 3 We praise in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

The Dismissal of the Community:

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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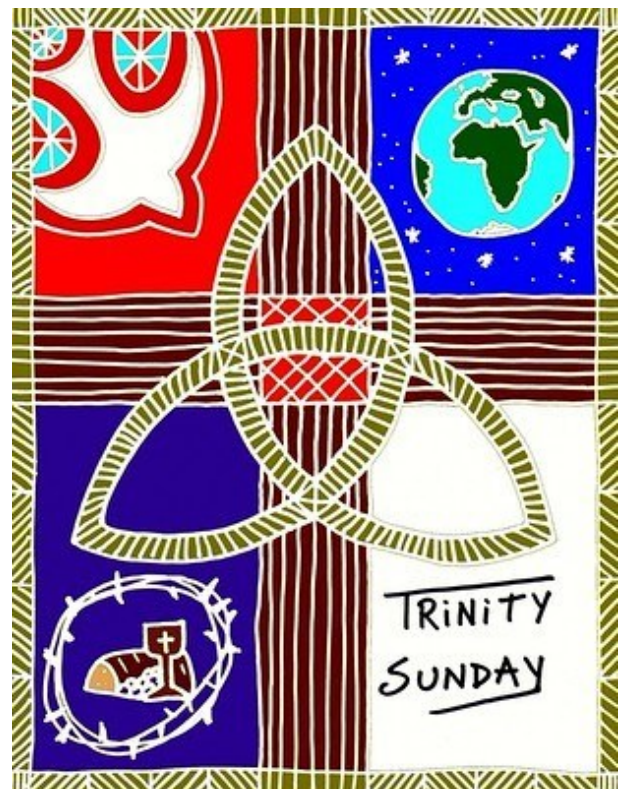
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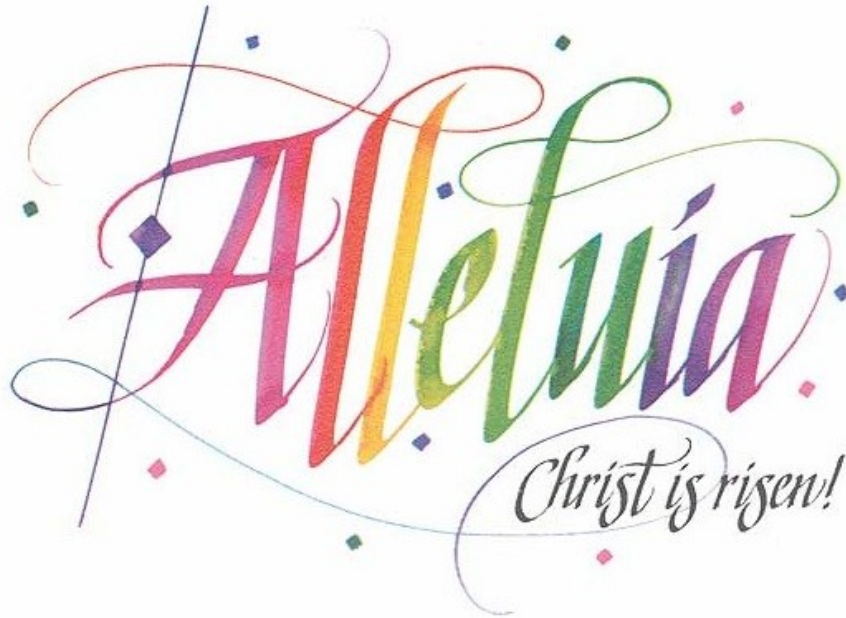
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The Day of Pentecost -
Sunday 24th May 2026
St Matthew's: 8am & 10am
St Peter's: 10am



Trinity Sunday - Confirmation and
Renewal of Christian Commitment
31st May 2026
St Matthew's: 8am & 10am
with Bishop Andrew Hedge



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