

Contact

APRIL 2026



Dear Friends,

'We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song,' declared St Augustine to the catholic people of the Diocese of Hippo in Algeria. It was a true statement then, and it remains true today.

As we move through this season, we are reminded once again that Easter is not just a day on the calendar—it is a way of life. Christians have long been called 'Easter people,' a phrase that captures both our identity and our mission.

The term 'Easter people' is often associated with the Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus and the phrase emphasises the joy and hope that comes from faith and the idea that Christians aren't meant to live only in the sorrow of Good Friday, but in the hope, renewal, and new life symbolised by Easter.

Easter people suggests a mind set of optimism, grace and second chances and being an Easter person means that one's faith in the risen Christ should manifest in daily life through love, service, and compassion. It encourages believers to imitate Christ in their thoughts, words and deeds, making a tangible difference in the world around them. This involves not only personal transformation but also a commitment to serve others, especially those in need.

The concept also emphasises the importance of community and gathered worship, where believers come together to celebrate the resurrection and support one another in living out their faith. The 'alleluia' song symbolises the joy and hope that Easter brings, which should resonate in the lives of those who identify as Easter people.

But being Easter people is not just about what we believe; it's about how we live. We are called to carry Easter into our workplaces, homes, communities and conversations. Every act of forgiveness, every gesture of kindness, every moment of courage is an echo of the empty tomb.

At Easter, we celebrate the risen Christ. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. Death was defeated, hope restored. And it changed the world. As his people, our lives are now bound up entirely in the hope that we now have in him. And yet, for so many Christians this life-changing and life-giving truth is often interrupted by the world around us

and it's all too easy to get distracted in our Monday-to-Saturday lives.

For those going through tough times in their everyday lives, the resurrection tells us that God is still at work during the good days as well as the difficult ones, even when we can't see the final outcome. God always has the final word. He can be trusted and hope in him is never misplaced.

As we enter this Easter season and celebrate with worship, fellowship and outreach, may the message of the empty tomb renew our spirits and strengthen our faith. Christ is risen - and because he lives, we live with hope, courage and purpose.

With Easter blessings - Liz



EASTER SERVICES 2026

Palm Sunday – 29th March

Family service at Springhead led by Liz Dean
followed by a two course Sunday lunch

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April

Oldham and District United Service at
Greenacres Congregational Church at 7pm led by
Liz Dean

Good Friday – 3rd April

United Service at Hope Congregational Church at
10.45am led by Rosemary Scholes
Churches Together in Lees and District Act of
Witness in Lees at 1pm

Easter Sunday – 5th April

Family service at Springhead led by Elisabeth
Sweeney-Smith

DIARY – April 2026

Sunday 29th March	10.30am	Palm Sunday service led by Liz Dean followed by lunch
Thursday 2nd April	7pm	Maundy Thursday service at Greenacres led by Liz Dean
Friday 3rd April	10.45am	Good Friday service at Hope led by Rosemary Scholes
	1pm	Good Friday Act of Witness in Lees
Sunday 5th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday service led by Elisabeth Sweeney-Smith
Wednesday 8th April	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 12th April	10.30am	Family service led by Peter Butler
		Quarterly Church Meeting
Sunday 19th April	10.30am	Family service led by John Pollitt
		Cake Sale
Sunday 26th April	10.30am	Family service featuring the No Strings Puppet Ministry
Monday 27th April	7pm	Deacons Meeting

Regular Activities

Sunday

Toddler Sundays 10am – 11.30am

Monday

Exercise Group 2pm

Wednesday

Scoffs 12 noon (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday

Rainbows Toddler Group 9.30am

Friday

Badminton 6pm

Offertories

1st February - £60.69

8th February - £98.69

15th February - £111.71

22nd February - £60.45

1st March - £67.61

8th March - £70.53

15th March - £96.20

22nd March – No service

Standing orders - £1,794

Total £2,359.88

Other Income

Tea/Coffee - £8.50

Cake Sales - £63.71

Lunches - £77.98

Easter Stall - £14.50

Donation - Josh's Band - £20.00

Donations in memory of Kay Jardine - £480.00

Donation - Toddlers - £100

Hall Hire - £90.00

Cricket Club - £709.57

PALM SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday 29th March for a family service led by Liz Dean followed by a two-course Sunday lunch.

Adults £5.00 Children £1.00

Everyone is very welcome - please let Justine know if you can make it for catering purposes.

NO STRINGS PUPPET MINISTRY

On Sunday 26th April we will once again welcome the No Strings Puppet Ministry from Altrincham Methodist Church to lead our worship.

Please do come along and support this fantastic family service. Everyone is welcome to join us at the usual time of 10.30am.

NEW TO YOU

Any new to you can now be brought up to church and left on the stage.

The new to you will take place on Thursday 7th May followed by the jumble on Friday 8th May.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES – WE NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP OUT!

CHURCH MEETING

The next quarterly church meeting is after the service on *Sunday 12th April*.

Everyone is welcome to stay and attend the meeting.

CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on *Sunday 19th April*.

Any donations of cake would be gratefully received.

DEACONS MEETING

The next deacons meeting is on Monday 27th April at 7pm.

BOTTLES

Just a reminder that we are still collecting bottles to hold another stall on Dawson's Field at the Scouthead and Austerlands dog show in May and the motor show in July.

All proceeds are for church funds so any donations would be appreciated.

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12th April - Liz

19th April - Judith

26th April - Beryl

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