

UNITED BENEFICE OF

ST. MARY'S ST. MARK'S  
SLAUGHAM STAPLEFIELD COMMON

*Serving the communities of Handcross, Pease Pottage, Slaugham, Staplefield & Warninglid*



*March 2024*

## The Heart of Our Faith

Jesus is Alive!

I could just leave it there.

There's very little else you need in order to understand what is at the heart of the Christian faith.

There are, of course, many other things that matter and are important. There are truths that have been passed down through generations. There are things that we need to know about God and ourselves. There is the importance of experience, of hearing the good news and of responding to that good news, and of course it matters who we believe Jesus to be in the first place. But right at the heart of it all is this simple yet mind-blowing phrase, and it was a phrase that the first disciples and many since them have been willing to stake their lives on:

**Jesus is Alive!**

You either believe that or you don't!

**Jesus is Alive!**

If you don't, it changes nothing; if you do, it changes everything!

**Jesus is Alive!**

Grace and Peace,

*Rev'd Carl Smith, Rector of West Weald Parish*

## Services in March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	St Mark's	Common Worship with Communion
	10am	All Saints	Morning Worship with breakfast
	10.45am	St Mary's	Morning Worship
5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	All Saints	Prayer Gathering
10 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Mark's	United Mothering Sunday with Communion
	6.30pm	All Saints	Informal Worship
17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Mark's	Common Worship with Communion
	10am	All Saints	Morning Worship with breakfast
	10.45am	St Mary's	Morning Worship
24 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Mark's	United Palm Sunday with Communion
	5.15pm	All Saints	Meal and Informal Worship
28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	All Saints	Maundy Thursday meal
29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	12pm	St Mark's	An Hour at the Cross
31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday	9am	St Mark's	Common Worship with Communion
	10.45am	St Mary's	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	All Saints	Informal Worship

*All Saints: Horsham Road, Handcross, RH17 6DF*

*St Mark's: Brantridge Lane, Staplefield, RH17 6EJ*

*St Mary's: Staplefield Road, Slaugham, RH17 6AG*

Weekly services are taking place at our churches, and **everyone is welcome**. Our current plans are as above but they are subject to change. Please look out for email communication, and keep an eye on our social media pages, website, YouTube channel and weekly notice sheet.

The St Mary's services are put onto YouTube and we hope they will be a blessing to those who still cannot attend in person. They can be found here:

[https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCBQ0W4r1m39ixogQWR3TxoA?fbclid=IwAR2vLqbms97lq9StSwn8qvgX\\_vTF11-tg0LV7z80cVFC8BZE034WNbNHhc4](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCBQ0W4r1m39ixogQWR3TxoA?fbclid=IwAR2vLqbms97lq9StSwn8qvgX_vTF11-tg0LV7z80cVFC8BZE034WNbNHhc4)

Or search for: United Benefice of St Mary's and St Mark's.

You can subscribe to the sermons as a podcast too. All links are on the website at <https://www.stmarysparish.org.uk/podcasts/>.

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