

APRIL COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Common Worship Lectionary Readings for April 2026 (Year A)

2nd April Maundy Thursday	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 3 1b -35	White
3rd April Good Friday	Selected readings for Good Friday	Hangings removed
5th April Easter Sunday	Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18	White
12th April Easter 2	1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-end	White
19th April Easter 3	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35	White
26th April Easter 4	Acts 2: 42-end John 10: 1-10	White



Inclusive and caring parishes,
working together
to celebrate and share God's Love,
in our villages and wider world.



April 2026

**St James the Great, Claydon, St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy
All Saints, Great Bourton, All Saints, Mollington
St Mary Magdalene, Wardington**

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Services for April

2 nd April Maundy Thursday			
Mollington	7.00 pm	Holy Communion	SF/NS
3 rd April Good Friday			
Cropredy	12 noon	Short Good Friday Act of Witness	SF/SC
	12.15 pm	Reflective Service	
	12 noon meet on Green Reflective Service in Church		
5 th April Easter Sunday			
Claydon	4.30 pm	Songs of Praise and Baptism	SF
Cropredy	9.30 am	Easter Day All Age Family Communion	SF
Gt Bourton	11.00 am	Easter Day Family Communion	LA
Mollington	6.00 pm	Easter Day Songs of Praise	SU
Wardington	10.30 am	Easter Day Family Communion	+JM/SU
12 th April Easter 2			
Gt Bourton	10.00 am	UBC Holy Communion	LA/SU
19 th April Easter 3			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.00 am	Seeker Service	SC/RC
Gt Bourton	11.00 am	Family Communion	GA
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
26 th April Easter 4			
Claydon	11.00 am	Family Communion	Archdeacon Jane
Cropredy	Visiting Sunday		
Gt Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	3.00 pm	Celebration of Restoration works	SU
Wardington	9.30 am	Family Communion	Archdeacon Jane

Note GA – Revd. Graham Arthur

With my best wishes for a joyful Easter! Revd Sarah

I warmly invite you into Holy Week 2026 from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who are involved in the preparation of our services.

Vicar's Study Leave I shall be off duty and on annual leave for a week after Easter and then on a Bishop's approved study month, and back for Ascension, Thursday 14th May. The time no doubt will fly by, and as last year I will generally monitor emails, and be available for pastoral emergencies and the one or two commitments already made. Please be in touch with your Church Wardens or the Ministry Team for all other matters. All Sunday Services are covered by a range of senior clergy (including Bishop Gavin) and a range of other very experienced clergy from the Deanery and Benefice. The Ministry Team are also covering Morning Prayer and the Benefice Tuesday Communion.

Emails for the Vicar I have been made aware that a FAKE email churchpraying363@gmail.com is being used with the spoof name Revd Sarah Fendy (note the difference in spelling with my name, d, not b), asking for the recipient to send a discreet message out and then asking for money. My real account has not been compromised. The Diocese IT team advise the following:

- ☐ Add my correct email address to your contacts so legitimate messages stand out vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com
- ☐ Check the actual sender address carefully, not just the display name.
- ☐ Mark as phishing in your email client and block.
- ☐ Never to respond to email requests for money or gift cards.

Baptism and Confirmation: Bishop Gavin will be with us on Sunday 3rd May in Cropredy, 9.30am for Baptisms and Confirmation. Please speak to me if you'd like to explore this for yourself. It's a special opportunity to make next steps of faith in Christ.

Next Church Wardens and PCC Officer's Meeting,
Thursday June 4th, 7pm Cropredy Church.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1st April – Wardington

11am Messy Easter Church

Wednesday 15th April – Claydon

Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon in the Church Room. All welcome.

Wednesday 22nd April The Bourtons' Community Coffee Morning

Village Hall 10.30 am – 12 noon