

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. *Alleluia.*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

After the Bidding Prayers:

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia,
Has risen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia,
For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Lord Jesus, At this blessed Easter time,
we praise You for the triumph of life over death.
Let the radiance of Your Resurrection
fill our hearts with unshakeable joy,
Your peace guide our steps,
and Your love shine through all we do.
Help us carry this Easter light into the world,
so that every heart we touch may know the hope You bring. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

*The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk
If you do not need to take this one home, please return it to the console at the back of Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.*

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

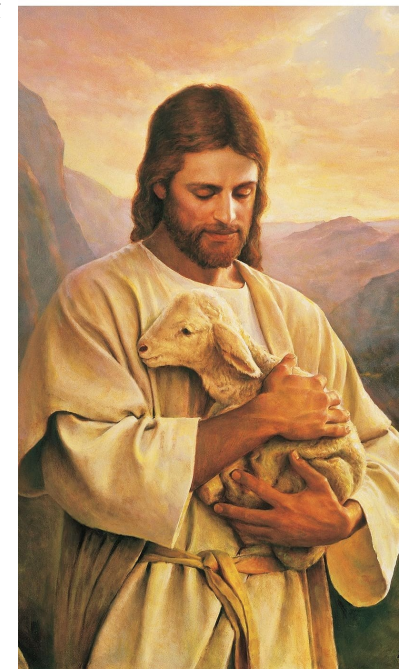


We've all done it – made mistakes, made the wrong choice and then had that awful panic-stricken feeling of “*how could I have got it so wrong?*”

Most of the wrong decisions we make are undoubtedly not on the same scale as that of those who decided the right thing to do was to crucify Jesus, choosing to believe those who said He was a blasphemer. We read of their reaction today – their, aghast “*what can we do?*” reaction. Peter and the apostles were there on hand to offer the solution, to bring the relief of God's extraordinary readiness to forgive.

How blessed we are that Our Lord, instead of condemning those who condemned Him – takes the path of understanding and mercy towards those who repent. The image of the Good Shepherd who goes after the wayward sheep and carries it home is one of the most comforting images we have. When we are lost, when we follow the Wrong Crowd, or when we decide to wander away from the good path, He comes after us. He finds us, He brings us back and sets us down on the right path – and carries on doing so, regardless of the number of times we meander off again in our weakness of flesh, despite our willingness of spirit to do right. Take comfort from His understanding words:

I know my sheep.



WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

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If you would like a home visit please call Deacon Brian Theobald

Tel: 07484332580 or email dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk

Most Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found on our website.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND...

for the Clergy Training Fund

PENTECOST SUNDAY 24TH MAY

Parishioner Yvonne is organising a Spirit-filled celebration of our Universal Church, with readings and music from different parts of the world, followed by refreshments. Any ideas you have to make this a truly special occasion, please share them with Yvonne or email fran.stm.news@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION – SESSIONS BEGIN THURSDAY 21ST MAY AT 5PM

If you would like to include your child (Year 6 and above) in the Confirmation Classes at St Michael's, please contact Mrs Katherine Tilling at Kathtilling1@yahoo.co.uk OR

Mrs Deborah West at dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk

There will be four sessions in total, held in the church hall.

N.B. GARDENING TEAM

As there is a funeral service at the church on Tuesday this week, the gardening team will carry out their brilliant work on **WEDNESDAY** this week.

ALPHA COURSE

Although a team has been formed to run an Alpha Course, we are postponing the start until later in the year or next year. This will allow us to reach outside the parish to those seeking truth and the meaning of life. If you know anyone who might wish to participate ask them to contact stmichael.alphacourse@gmail.com

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative can be contacted at: sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted by telephoning: 0121 230 6240 or emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns

Parish Liturgies for week commencing 26 April 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv Andrew Foster & Paul Martin

25/26 APRIL

4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	Parents (R.I.P.) of Judy and Stephen Fox
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	11am	Funeral Liturgy for Patricia & Barrie Parfitt, R.I.P.
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

2/3 MAY Cel: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Helen Williams, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P. FAMILY MASS
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners, family and friends; Lord, send your healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed.

Dominic Antão; Catherine Belletty; Robert Brooks; Joe Bunton; Savanna Clark; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth; Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz, Daniel Carroll; TJ. Barbara Stitt.
If circumstances change please ask for the name to be removed from the list.

For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

We pray for all who have died, and for those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Norah Bourne; Edna Walsh; Peadar Farrell; Charles Halter; Mary Burns; Lebbeus "Edward" Horden; Gilbert Lousley; Anne Ouro; Christopher Stone; Yvonne De La Harpe; Norman Morey; Robert Downs; Patrick Keogh; Marjorie Burge; Peter McCann; Eileen and Jo McDermott; Edmund Bernard Pike; Tom Reilly; James Allison; Robert Brown; Gunter Plum.

May the light and joy of God's peace shine upon them.