



## **RBC Newsletter**

**April 2026**

Dear Church Family,

April begins this year with the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Easter is the culmination to the season of Lent, and to Holy Week – as just a few days after Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem as a king, He was arrested, given a false trial, and executed by crucifixion. On Good Friday we remember how He suffered and how His death - which seemed to people at the time like a failure of His mission - actually achieved the purpose he came to earth for – to die for the sins of humanity - paying the price we owe for our sins, so we could have forgiveness and freedom, and a restored relationship with God. Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb, but three days later (the Jews count Friday as the first day, Saturday as the second and Sunday as the third!) on Easter Sunday Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples, and later to many others, proving His victory over sin, death and evil, and bringing the promise of new and eternal life to all who follow Him. These facts are the basis of Christianity - facts that have changed the lives of the millions who describe themselves as Christians – all those who recognise Jesus as Son of God; Messiah; Crucified Saviour and Risen Lord, and have placed their faith and trust in Him. So do come along to our Easter services - celebrate with us the most important festival of the Christian year, and worship the Risen Lord who gave His life for us in obedience to His Father's will and in so doing has transformed the lives of the millions who follow Him today.

On Easter Sunday, one particular lady whose life has been transformed by Jesus will be baptised as a believer. Baptisms are always joyful occasions, and on Easter Sunday that visual illustration of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection in her being immersed and then emerging from the water will be particularly appropriate. It will also give us all an opportunity to recall our own baptisms and to renew our own baptismal promises.

**Some dates for your diaries:-**

**Coffee Plus** re-opens on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, to serve reasonably priced hot and cold drinks and cakes, and to offer prayer and a listening ear if required.

**On Good Friday - 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, please join us for a quiet **Reflective Service at RBC at 10.30am** to contemplate all Jesus suffered for us on that first Good Friday. At **12 noon Churches Together in Rye** will also mark the day with a **Walk of Witness** through the town, commencing at the Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua. Please do come and join in, for what is usually a very moving experience, with dramatic readings, hymns, and a silent walk behind the cross through the streets to the beat of a drum.

The monthly **Saturday Prayers Zoom meeting** will take place at **9am on Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Zoom details will be sent out in the usual way.

**On Easter Sunday -5<sup>th</sup> April at 10.45 am** please join us for our morning service which will be a Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection with a Baptism and Holy Communion. All are welcome.

NB. There will be no **Encountering God** evening this month. Housegroups too will be taking a break and will re-start the following week.

The **Church AGM** and a regular church meeting will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**. ***Church members, please book the date*** and plan to be there, to play your part in the election of Trustees, in reviewing the last year, and in prayerfully discussing plans for the future.

**Engage/Connect** (our pub fellowship meals for men and ladies) will take place this month on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm**. Venues for each group are still to be confirmed but please give your names to Ian or Penny if you would like to attend.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Easter!  
May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you  
as you serve Him both in church, and out in the world.  
Your Pastor & sister in Christ,  
***Fiona***