



St Andrew's Church, Reading Street

## EASTER BULLETIN

### Easter Message 2026

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Easter this year, I would like to draw your attention to the message in Acts 10 v.34-43. Here we see Peter sharing his experience of the Risen Christ. Peter had the gift of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ with a clear message and with great power. Perhaps this is why Jesus called him the rock. The church was built on the message he preached. Peter was an Easter person who was transformed by the events of that first Easter, and the events of that first Easter was at the heart of his message. Peter had an Easter faith, and so have we.

This is why we celebrate Easter. The message of what happened that first Easter is at the very heart of the gospel. Peter was not an apostle of Christ because he admired Jesus as a man, and was determined to keep his memory alive. No, that is not what Peter said at all. Peter had one message, Jesus was the risen Christ who lives and reigns eternally to present us as his own people, **Easter people**, to God the Father.

As we celebrate Easter, I pray that we too may affirm that we, like Peter, are Easter people, having committed our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the risen Lord bless you this Easter and always.

God bless you

*Philip*

# Open Gardens 2026

Saturday 4th July

Once again Reading Street will be full with visitors enjoying this great day out and raising funds for St. Andrew's Church. With more gardens than ever opening this year we need extra volunteers to help please.

Could you sell tickets or marshal visitors on the day?

Are you a baker? we are becoming as well known for all the fabulous cakes on sale as well as our gardens!

Would you be able to deliver leaflets and posters?

If you would like to be involved, please let the Office know as soon as possible as planning for this year's event has already started.

## *Holy Week 2026 services*

Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion. meet on Kittys Green
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Compline 7.00 pm
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> March	7.00 pm	Compline 7.00 pm
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7.00 pm	Compline 7.00 pm
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion and Stripping of the altar.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday	12.00-3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Three-hour devotional. "The Cross of Christ" choir devotional.
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Day	08.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Said Communion Family Communion Evensong