

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**

**Opening Hymn**    NEH 457    The King of love my shepherd is

**Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

O God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Lesson      Acts 2: 42-47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2, verses 42 to 47.

<sup>42</sup>The [people who were baptised] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Sun 9am**    Here endeth the Lesson.

**Sun 10.45** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading          John 10: 1-10**

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 10, verses 1 to 10.

**Sun 9am    Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>1</sup>‘Very truly, I, Jesus, tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’  
<sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Sun 9am    Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.**

**Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sun 9am; Proper Preface from Easter Day until the eve of Ascension Day.  
(Prayer Book p. 344)**

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee  
for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
for he is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us;  
and hath taken away the sin of the world;  
who by his death hath destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels....

**We offer particular prayers for**

Roddy, Hilary, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Alison B., Joseph, Johnny, Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

**We also include in our prayers those in our Year's Mind this week:**

Elsbeth Watt, Raymond Low, Ronald Couche, Cyril Aldridge, Winnie Lawson, Janice McLaren.

**Offertory Hymn**          NEH 282    Faithful Shepherd, feed me

**Anthem**    23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm          Goodall

**Post Communion Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

God of steadfast love,  
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.  
May we who share in these holy mysteries  
come safely to your eternal kingdom,  
where there is one flock and one shepherd.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen**

**Closing Hymn**    NEH 458    The Lord my pasture shall prepare

**Readings for the day**

\*Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; \*John 10: 1-10

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**Choral Evensong, Sunday 26th April, 6.30pm** Third Sunday after Easter

Readings: Exodus 16: 4-15; John 6: 30-40

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: Walmisley in d

Anthem: The Lord Is my Shepherd: Schubert

Responses: McPhee; Lord's Prayer: Morley

Psalm 81, vv. 9 - 17

NEH 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (T. 1 St Helen)

NEH 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (Cwm Rhondda)