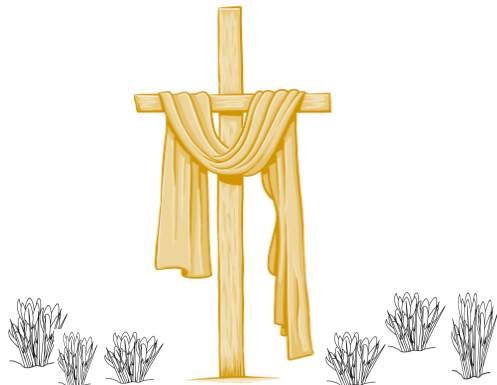


# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026  
**The Resurrection of the Lord**

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Welcome to Holy Innocents on Easter Day.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words in **bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available for the collection. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. As part of our celebration today, if you have a bell, please ring it during the service each time we say or hear the word 'Alleluia'.*

*When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

## ENTRANCE HYMN 110

*The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth who introduces the celebration. Please remain standing for the greeting and opening rite.*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*Water blessed at the Easter Vigil is brought to the sanctuary step.*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
**break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

For the Lord has comforted his people,  
**and will have compassion on his suffering ones. Alleluia.**

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal.

*Everyone is sprinkled with water as we join in the Taizé refrain:*

**O, surrexit Christus, Alleluia**  
**O cantate Domino, Alleluia.**

*The minister returns to the sanctuary step:*

Through this water of baptism, renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



*More bells and an organ fanfare introduce:*

**Glorify to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: h  
ave mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT The prayer for Easter Day

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer, the president says the Collect. At the end: **Amen.***

*Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31.1-6

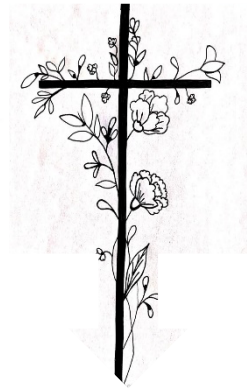
*At the end: This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118.14-24

Please remain seated and join in the response.

Response  
v. 1 O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.



I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you  
for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity

## SECOND READING Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them:  
"I truly understand that God shows no  
partiality, but in every nation anyone who  
fears him and does what is right is acceptable  
to him. You know the message he sent to the  
people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus  
Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread  
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after  
the baptism that John announced: how God  
anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy  
Spirit and with power; how he went about  
doing good and healing all who were  
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in  
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death  
by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him  
on the third day and allowed him to appear,  
not to all, but to us who were chosen by God  
as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him  
after he rose from the dead. He commanded  
us to preach to the people and to testify that  
he is the one ordained by God as judge of the  
living and the dead. All the prophets testify  
about him that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his  
name."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND to join in  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia alleluia!  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia alleluia!**

I am the first and the last says the Lord and  
the living one; //I was dead and behold  
I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 28.1-10

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit down for the sermon. The preacher  
today is the Revd Richard Young.*

After the sermon there will be a time of silence.  
Then we **STAND** with the president who addresses  
the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, on this Easter Day,  
I ask you to profess together the faith of the  
Church, and to renew the promises that you  
made, or were made for you at your baptism.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and he will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayer of the  
Faithful. After each section:*

Hear us, risen Lord

**Our resurrection and our life.**

*After the final section (for the departed) there will  
be a time of silent prayer. At the end:*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from  
the power of darkness and brought us into  
the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his  
death has recalled us to life, so his continual  
presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

Alleluia. Christ has risen from the dead. May  
the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 117**

*The offerings of the people and the bread and wine  
are brought to the altar.*

*The president says a prayer over the gifts to which  
we respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president continues the prayer, thanking God  
for his saving works, and then invites the people to  
join their praises with the whole company of  
heaven:*

.....for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president asks the Father to send the Holy  
Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then  
repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and  
cup. ....*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The president continues, joining our offering with  
Christ's sacrifice of himself.*

*At the end of the prayer the president says:*

.....all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever:  
**Amen.**

*The President introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom, the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو  
بر زمین نیز کرده بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است،  
و قرض های ما را شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.  
و ما ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم،  
زیرا را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.  
ملکوت وقوت و جلالت ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمی

*We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the  
consecrated bread in pieces for all to share*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

**Live in us, that we may live in you.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.**

*The president addresses those who wish to come  
to Holy Communion:*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*Those who wish to receive the Sacrament or a  
blessing approach the altar. During communion we  
may sing a setting of hymn 115.*

*When all have received holy communion what  
remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in  
the tabernacle for the communion of those at  
home. At the end of the silence all please STAND  
with the President.*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer.*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave  
your only-begotten Son to the death of the  
cross, and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us  
from the power of our enemy:  
**grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **HYMN 120**

*PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for  
the blessing and dismissal.*

God the Father, by whose love Christ was  
raised from the dead, open to you who  
believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave  
has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples  
with the life of the risen Lord, empower you  
and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia:

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

1000 Sung Eucharist

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