Our Worship Today

8 am – Holy Eucharist (said)
President and Preacher – The Rev'd Matthew Godfrey

9.45 am – Holy Eucharist (sung)
President – The Rev'd Judith Blowey
Preacher – Liz Bastin
Processional – We Have A Gospel to Proclaim (507)
Gradual – All I Once Held Dear (585)
Gospel Acclamation:
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Intercessions – John Littlewood
Offertory – Alleluia Sing to Jesus (422)
Communion – Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord (358)
Anthem – O Taste and See (Vaughan Williams)
Final – Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (221)

6 pm – Evening Prayer
Lead by Bob Owens

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Old Testament Reading

Acts 2. 14a, 36 – 41 (Richard Wraith)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1. 17 - 23 (James Harvey)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24. 13 – 35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Our Bible Readings for next Sunday

Old Testament – Acts 2. 42 - 47
New Testament – 1 Peter 2. 19 - 25
Holy Gospel – John 10. 1- 10

THE WEEK AHEAD	
Mon 20	
8 am 10 am 1.30 pm 5 pm	Morning Prayer Warm Welcome (Parish Centre) Funeral – Wendy Pocknell Evening Prayer
Tue 21	**Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109**
8 am 9.30 am 5 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Little Deers (Parish Centre) Evening Prayer Bell-ringing Practice
Wed 22	
8 am 10.30 am 2 pm 5 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Handicraft Group (Parish Centre) Evening Prayer
Thu 23	**George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304**
8 am 5 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Fri 24	**Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624** **The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003**
8 am 10 am 5 pm 7 pm	Morning Prayer Friendly Friday Coffee Morning Evening Prayer Choir Practice
Sat 25	**Mark the Evangelist**
8 am 10 am 5 pm	Morning Prayer Bell ringing competition Evening Prayer
Sun 26	**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8 am 9.45 am 6 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer

Annual Meeting – TODAY - 19th April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held today, Sunday 19th April 2026 at 11.15am. Copies of the annual report are available by emailing the Parish Office via parishoffice@taivistockparishchurch.org.uk. There are also two copies of the report at the back of the church, but please **do not remove** them. Copies of the financial reports for information only are attached to the notice board.

Please hold in your prayers

The sick and infirm, including:

Alice, Janet Bilverstone, Felix Bosacki, Claire, Eddie Colette, Daphne, Vicky Glen, Ray Hurle, Isla, Jane, Eileen Jones, Anne Odell, Wendy Pulleyblank, Robyn and Jasmin, Valerie Sings, Colin Sneddon, Joy Spray, Elaine Steele, Diane Westcott and Mary Wills.

The recently departed, including:

Marion Chastey and Wendy Pocknell

Prayer intentions for the week ahead

Monday – Our Bellringers
Tuesday – School teachers and Classroom Assistants
Wednesday – For peace in the Middle East
Thursday – The Music Festival starting today
Friday – The Melanesian Mission
Saturday – Help to set aside time daily to read the Bible

Handicraft Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd April at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Contact Ruth Glanville (01822 614770) for further information.

Stewarding

Stewarding will recommence in Church from 11th May. If you are available to act as a steward in Church this summer there will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday 30th April at 11am. Please contact Cathy on cathy_sherlock@hotmail.com

Plants – Summer Fair

It is Spring! When you are splitting plants / reorganising your garden, please pot any surplus plants / those now in the wrong place or even punnets of bedding plants from the supermarkets for the Friends of St Eustachius Summer Fair. Contact Amanda Reynolds on 07392 501001.

Little Deers

We have lots of lovely families coming to our baby and toddler group each Tuesday, but we need extra help. If you are able to do just one session a month (in term time) that would be a huge help and it's great fun! Contact Sarah sarah.pendle0@gmail.com

The Parish Church of St Eustachius

Part of the Tavistock Area Mission Community

19th April 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Eustachius's Church! A particular welcome, if you're joining us for the first time today. Please do stay for refreshments afterwards, we'd love to meet you! Children and their grown-ups are always most welcome in our church.