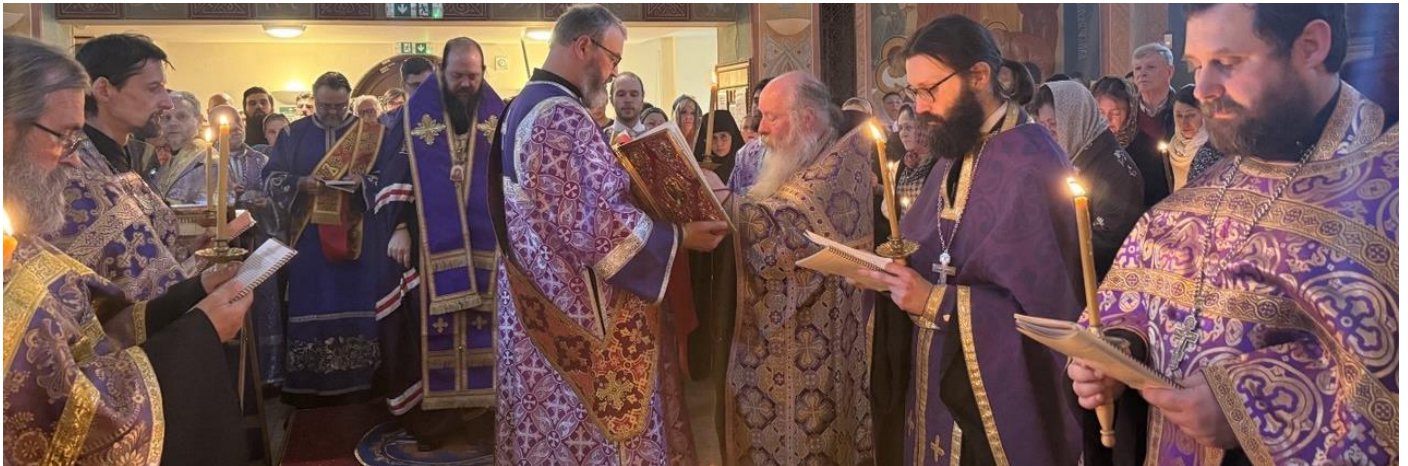




# “Joy of All Who Sorrow”

No. 192 April, 2025



## Unction at the Cathedral

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Fr Mark together with his family and a good showing of Mettingham parishioners, attended our beautiful Cathedral in London for the Annual Diocesan Service of Unction for the parishes of Southern England. His Grace Bishop Irenei presided at the Service together with Archpriest Yaroslav Hudymenko, Hieromonk Mark (Underwood), Priest Aleksandr Groves, Priest Spasmir Ivanov, Priest Mark Fisher and Fr Mark. After the reading of the canon and the seven Epistle and Gospel readings the faithful were anointed with the blessed oil and wine “*unto the remission of sins and healing of soul and body*”. Following the Vigil for the Sunday of St John Climacus, Fr Mark and family were invited to supper with the Bishop and visiting clergy and were able to enjoy the amazing hospitality of the Cathedral sisterhood and enjoy some brief fellowship together.

## Parish AGM Second Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

On 16<sup>th</sup> March, the Second Sunday of Great Lent, our Parish held its AGM in the College Dining Room after Trapeza. Tatiana Blana gave a high-level overview of the Parish Finances over 2024 and presented the accounts. Fr Mark then gave a Pastoral Report highlighting key events and activities from 2024 which has seen three baptisms, one chrismation as well as four weddings and the installation of our church sign, ikonostasis and the repainting of the exterior of the church. Priorities for the 2025 include: continuing missionary and catechetical work with both adults and children; completing works and improvements in and around the church including repainting the interior and new electrical lighting; enhancing our safeguarding measures as well as gaining Gift Aid. Finally at the end of the meeting Tatiana Blana was elected our new Treasurer and Rdr Christopher Dive was elected as our new Secretary. A copy of the minutes will be circulated shortly once they have been approved along with the accounts and a copy place on the church noticeboard as well as sent to the Diocesan Chancellery. Thank you to all who made a special effort to attend the meeting.

## Appeal for new church

Our dear sister Parish of the All-Merciful Saviour in St Leonards-on-Sea is launching an appeal for new church premises after they have outgrown their very beautiful though now too small church. Please donate generously via the [JustGiving page](#) to help allow this parish to grow. Please note that it is possible to change the default “tip” to JustGiving to £0.00 if you do not wish to give any money to the online financial platform.

## Baptisms & Reception back into the Orthodox Church

Please pray for Catechumen Joshua and Dymphna Bowler who will be received into the Orthodox Church by baptism on Holy Saturday after Vespers and for Anton Shapland who will be received back into the Church on this day.

## Church Clean – Lazarus Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

We will be having a church clean in the afternoon at around 2pm on Lazarus Saturday after the Divine Liturgy to get the church ready for Holy Week and Pascha. Please come if you are able to.

## Holy Week Schedule 2025

Please find our Holy Week schedule attached with details of all our church services. I would ask that all parishioners try and have confession at one of the services prior to Easter night so that the time before the start of Paschal Matins can be given to visitors and those who attend less regularly. Easter baskets will be blessed at the end of the Paschal Liturgy in the early morning of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April as well as at the end of Paschal Vespers on Sunday afternoon. A final blessing of baskets will be made on Thomas Sunday and at Radonitsa.



## APRIL 2025

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
(St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne)

6pm ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Thursday of the Great Canon

7.30pm ~ Small Compline with Great Canon & Reading of Life of St Mary of Egypt

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: St Mary of Egypt / Forefeast of Annunciation)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

2.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Lita

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April

✘ Feast of the Annunciation ✘

10.10am ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers Liturgy

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Please note no service on Wednesday due to ground works around the church

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

(Lazarus Saturday)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

\*\* 2pm ~ After Liturgy Church Clean \*\*

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

(✘ Palm Sunday ✘)

10.10am ~ Hours & Festal Liturgy

2.30pm ~ Bridegroom Matins

For Full Holy Week Schedule please see below

✘ Great & Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April ✘

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

6.30pm ~ Matins: 12 Gospels Service

✘ Great & Holy Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April ✘

4pm ~ Vespers with the bringing out of the Shroud

6.30pm ~ Matins: Burial Service of Christ

✘ Great & Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April ✘

10.30am ~ Vespers with 15 Readings

11.30pm ~ Midnight Office

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

✘ PASCHA ✘

12Midnight ~ Paschal Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy

3pm ~ Paschal Vespers & Easter Party

Bright Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

7.30pm ~ Paschal Procession with Moleben for St Guthlac of Crowland

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

(Thomas Sunday)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

(Radonitsa)

10.10am ~ Hours & Paschal Liturgy for the Departed with Paschal Panikhida

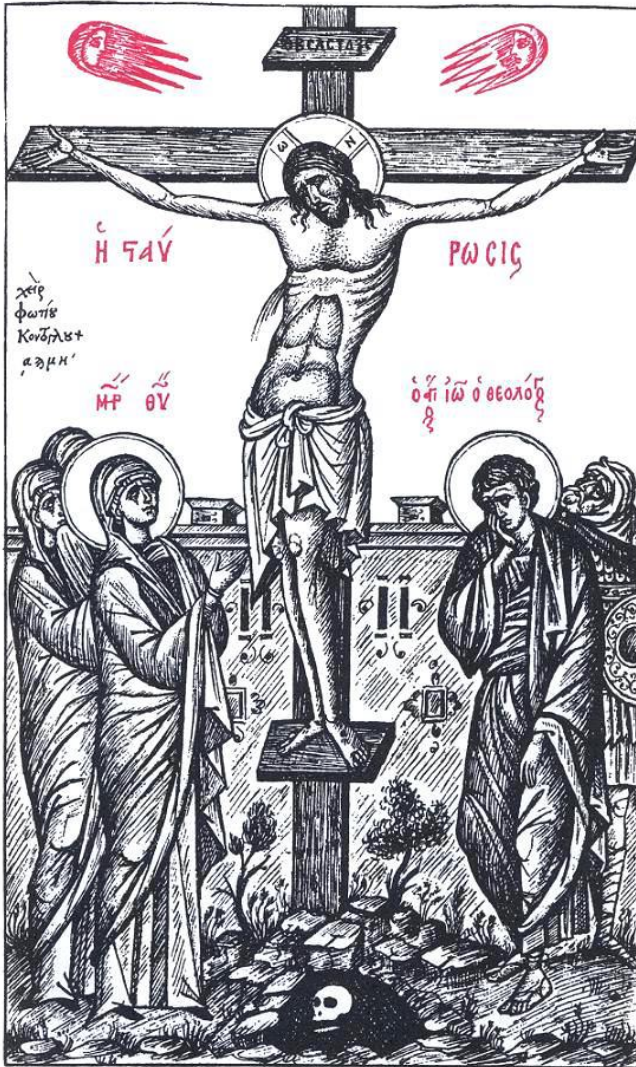
For all other services and pastoral needs including baptism, marriage, molebens and panikhidas,  
please contact Priest Mark Tattum-Smith on:

Tel. 01502 716914 / 07592482732 or Email: [marktattumsmith@gmail.com](mailto:marktattumsmith@gmail.com)



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### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Lazarus Saturday**

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

2pm ~ Church Clean

7.30pm ~ Vespers & Litia

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

10.10am ~ Hours & Festal Liturgy

2.30pm approx. ~ Bridegroom Matins

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Great & Holy Monday**

6.30pm ~ Bridegroom Matins

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Great & Holy Tuesday**

6.30pm ~ Bridegroom Matins

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April ~ Great & Holy Wednesday**

6.30pm ~ Matins

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Great and Holy Thursday**

10.10am ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers Liturgy

6.30pm ~ Matins: The Twelve Gospels Service

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Great and Holy Friday**

10.30am ~ Royal Hours

4.00pm ~ Great Vespers with the bringing out of the Shroud (*Epitaphios/plashchanitsa*)

*Followed by Light Refreshments*

6.30pm ~ Matins: The Burial Service of Christ

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Great and Holy Saturday**

10.30am ~ Great Vespers with 15 readings

11.30pm ~ Midnight Office and Procession

### **✠ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Radiant Feast of Pascha ✠**

12 Midnight ~ Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy

3pm ~ Paschal Vespers followed by Easter Party

#### **Confessions & Blessing of Easter Baskets**

Confessions will be heard following each service or by arrangement with Fr Mark who can be contacted on (01502) 716914 / 07592482732 / [marktattumsmith@gmail.com](mailto:marktattumsmith@gmail.com)). I would ask that all parishioners try and have confession at one of the services prior to Easter night so that this slot can then be given to visitors and those who attend less regularly.

Easter baskets will be blessed at the **end** of the Paschal Liturgy in the early morning of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April as well as at the end of Paschal Vespers on Sunday afternoon. A final blessing will be made on Thomas Sunday & Radonitsa.