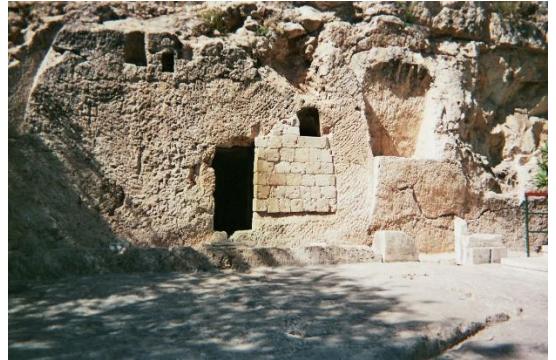


Parish of St Alban, Martyr & St Mark the Evangelist, Southend

5 April 2026
Easter Sunday



The Garden Tomb Jerusalem

[XV Easter Dawn](#) by Malcolm Guite [[Blog](#) | [Malcolm Guite](#) | [Blog for poet and singer-songwriter Malcolm Guite](#)]

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

We pray for the church around the world:
Especially those who are persecuted for their faith.
We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

We pray for our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion

We pray for our local community: [5: Luker Rd, High St] [6: Queen's Rd, London Rd] [7: College Way, Park St] [8: Park Rd, Avenue Rd, Park Lane, Parkgate] [9: Our local government councillors and MPs] [10: South Essex College, Uni of Essex, Southend Campus] [11: Southend Street Pastors]

We pray for all on our long-term list.

Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them. For all sick or in need: Margaret, Mark, Terry, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Rosetta, Jean Wren, Diana, Sarah, Gabby, Ann and Terry, Gary, June and Sally Binks, Rosie, Clare, Corbin, Elizabeth

Recently departed:

In Memoriam: April. Austin Read 3/4, Mark Patey 4/4, Hermon Achong 8/4, John Glendennan 9/4, Fanny Finchette 9/4, Kay Robertson 15/4, Steve Wilson 25/4, Carol Golding 28/4, Ellen Rankin 30/4

All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

Notices: Monday : Morning Prayer at 9am,
Reflective Mass 1pm

Online Rosary for 100 Days of Prayer
Mondays at 6pm

Wander & Wonder Ascension Day Walk and
Worship 14 May 1000



Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health,

neurodiversity, or sexuality. Please help us to work towards our aims.

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