

Христос Воскресе!

Дорогие прихожане! По наставлению настоятеля нашего прихода Владыки Иринея в это воскресенье, 23го апреля, в конце Литургии мы направляемся на Ганнэсбери кладбище, чтобы отслужить Пасхальную Панихиду по захороненным на нём Православным Христианам.

В связи с этим воскресная трапеза в приходском доме заменяется пикником на самом кладбище, а приходской дом и храм будут закрыты сразу после Литургии.

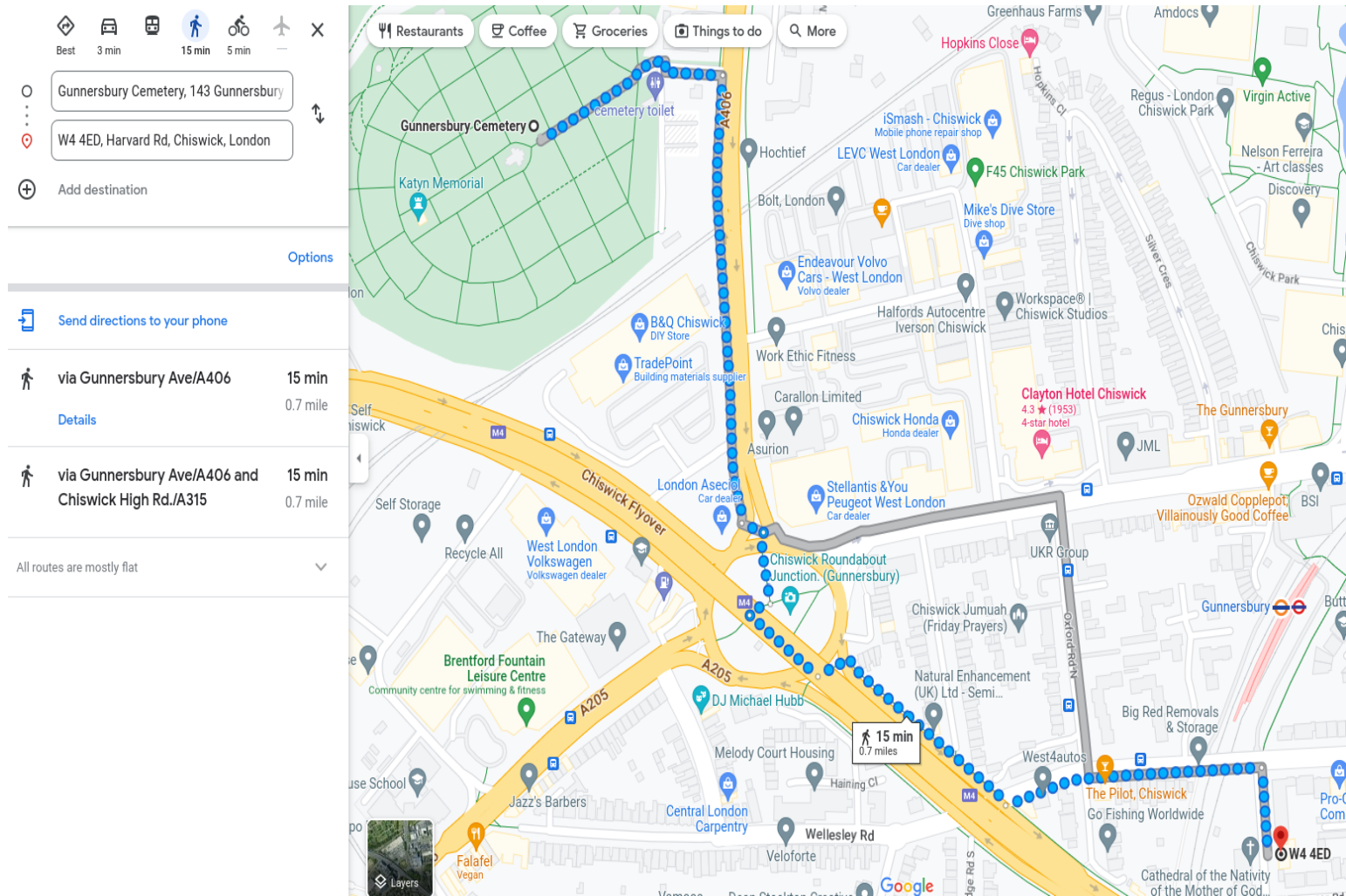
На кладбище можно доехать автомобилем (3 мин) или дойти пешком (15 мин), адрес и карта прилагаются. На кладбище есть стоянка для машин. Если вас нужно подвезти, постарайтесь, пожалуйста, заранее договориться об этом с прихожанами, имеющими места в их машинах.

Встречаемся на полянке напротив офиса кладбища (сразу по левой стороне у входа на кладбище), где скорее всего и будет отслужена Пасхальная Панихида. После этого духовенство поведут нас по Православным могилам, совершая каждение под Пасхальные песнопения. Потом возвращаемся на полянку перед офисом для пикника.

Сестричество с помощниками постараются приготовить бутерброды, салат, варёные яйца, и обеспечить холодные мясные закуски и вино. Пожалуйста, окажите в этом Сестричестве посильную помощь, например, принеся какую-то еду с собой, чтобы поделиться со всеми.

На следующей странице есть адрес кладбища, карта проезда и прохода на кладбище, а также полный текст обращения Владыки Иринея.

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Dear Fathers, dear Sisters,

This year, I wish the London Cathedral to restore the essential tradition of visiting the graves of the departed faithful during Paschaltide, specifically on St Thomas Sunday (Antipascha) and Radonitsa. We discussed this already last year, but I wish to ensure that another year does not pass by without this important practice being maintained.

The 'key' date for this is St Thomas Sunday, since that is the occasion on which the most parishioners are able to participate. I will myself not be in London on this day (it is my tradition now to celebrate St Thomas day in our parish in Norwich); so please allow me to remind how it should happen - and what should be announced well in advance from the amvon (i.e. starting now), so that the faithful can plan for it:

Carpooling should be arranged so that immediately at the end of the Sunday Liturgy, with no break and with no meal at all in the house, everyone - clergy and faithful should go to the nearby cemetery. Clergy and Altar servers should bring their vestments and censer, and the Sisterhood should bring 'picnic lunch' materials that have been prepared in advance (sandwiches, salads, hard eggs, wine, cold meats - everything in the spirit of a continuation of the Paschal trapeza). All the community should gather at a central place in the cemetery, where the Paschal Panikhida will be served, the choir singing in full splendour. At the end, the clergy with the censer, and the choir, should lead the procession of all the faithful to every Orthodox grave in the cemetery, and at each one should do a censuring and a singing of the Paschal hymn. When all of this is complete, everyone can return to the central place, the clergy and servers remove their vestments, and all should enjoy the continued Paschal meal there at the cemetery, amidst the graves.

It is important to talk about this with the faithful beforehand, so they know to plan for this, and also understand its importance. Everyone should try to go to the cemetery on this day, even if they do not personally know anyone who is buried there: this is an act of Christian love that we are all called to show to all those who are dead.

A small amount of planning is required in advance:

(1) The starosta should enquire with the cemetery authorities to ensure that permission is on place for this;

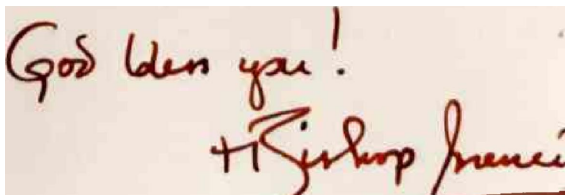
(2) Sisters and other volunteers should be asked to prepare the foods and drinks to be brought;

(3) the choir should make arrangements to ensure that a full complement of singers will go from the Cathedral to the cemetery on the day; and the clergy should prepare the Paschal service. And, of course, car pooling needs to be arranged.

I thank you all so much for your attentiveness to this, as it is such an important part of our Paschal life and an essential tradition of our Church Abroad, which it is our honour to maintain.

I will be back in the Cathedral for Radonitsa, on which we can do the same thing, on a much smaller scale, for those who are able to go to the Brompton cemetery after the Tuesday morning Liturgy.

Please ensure this is shown to the Sisterhood, Starosta, and Choir Director.



God bless you!  
+ Bishop Francis