

Sunday 24th April 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Family Communion
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 5:27-32 (*p.119*), Revelation 1:4-8 (*p.242*) and John 20:19-end (*p.112*)

Please pray for

... Pauline Coulter, Penny Farbridge, Jo & David Garrick, Alan Humphreys and Yvonne Quittenton.

... the family and friends of Jean Mary Penney and Edith Ford whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work Farm Walk, Farnham Road and Friars Gate.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family, visiting friends and family in the States.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

Well, this is a first – your Parish Administrator writing ‘Dear Friends’! Mavis Wilson was due to be with us today as cover for Beverly who is enjoying time away in St David’s. Sadly, Mavis has COVID, fortunately not too badly. Luckily for you, the preacher will not be me, but Revd. Stanley Hemming Clark who is very kindly stepping in to lead us today.

Today is known as ‘Low Sunday’, the last day of the ‘Easter octave’ – the eight days (inclusive) from Easter Day to today. But why ‘low’? Surely, we’re still on the high of the glorious resurrection? Most scholars think the name evolved from ‘Laud Sunday’ – laud meaning praise. Others suspect that Low Sunday might have developed from ‘Close Sunday’, a name which refers to the close of the Easter Week festivities.

Today’s gospel reading recalls when Jesus joined the disciples in the locked room, showed them his hands and his side, breathed the Holy Spirit on them and said “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Thomas wasn’t there and couldn’t believe what he was told; it was a week later before he saw, he touched and his doubt was turned into belief.

Whatever the day is called – let’s remember *our* belief in the ‘high’ of Christ’s resurrection and celebrate the light and hope given to us every day.

Trish

Mission Focus for April: Mosaic Middle East (MME)

Mosaic Middle East (MME) is a Christian charity which All Saints' has been supporting in several ways for a number of years. You may remember that we welcomed its Chief Executive Officer to preach at one of our main services not so long ago. The charity works with vulnerable and persecuted minorities in Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries to relieve immediate needs and assist them in securing sustainable futures. You may also like to know that the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, joined as a Patron of MME at the end of 2021. Please read what he has to say, and learn more about the work of MME, in the April issue of the church magazine.

Notices

Welcome to Revd. Stanley Hemming Clark is who presiding and preaching at our 10am service today whilst Beverly enjoys some time away in Wales.

Tea time church at 4pm today – hear from Thomas-the-puppet as he confides his worries to his twin Didymus.

Hard of Hearing Group – at 3pm on Monday 25th April. James Merritt is coming to tell us how he set up a group in Millmead church to meet every other month to pray for persecuted Christians. Everybody welcome!

If you need help (non-medical) with hearing aids or hearing problems, please get in touch beforehand (569825) to arrange to come to the clinic at 2pm.

Dennis Bottomley – has recently died and his funeral will be held here at All Saints on Monday 25th April at 11am. Dennis was a Churchwarden here in the 1960s. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Dennis' life. Dennis' wife Lilian's funeral was held here in 2008.

BBC Songs of Praise – is being recorded in Guildford Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd May, 6.30pm-9.30pm. We have secured 12 tickets to attend as a church and are offering them on a 'first come first served' basis. Children welcome accompanied by their parents. Please let Trish know if you'd like to come.

Recycling – We've had a couple of changes in the recycling area in the foyer. Crisps and Ella pouches have gone (please take them to the larger supermarket's flexible plastic bins). However, we can now collect flexible coffee packaging! Things to collect at home and bring in are: pens, coffee pouches, laundry care (see the bin for details), oral care packaging, medicine packets, candles, inkjet cartridges and candles.

Leaders needed for Children's Church and our Youth Group: If you enjoy working with children and young people, we'd love to welcome you as part of the teams for Children's Church or Youth Club. Both of these groups are growing under the leadership of Jeanette Whiteman and Julie Lodge. If you'd like to consider being involved, please be in touch with either Jeanette or Julie.

Giving for Ukraine – as well as offering prayers, you may like to make a financial contribution to help those in Ukraine, we suggest you do this through the major channels, such as:

www.dec.org.uk/

donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal

www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal/

www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/msf.org.uk/

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon to Weds 9.15am in church and on Zoom.

Holy Communion on Thursday at 9.15am

- Mon 25th Funeral of Dennis Bottomley, 11.00am, Church
 Hearing Clinic, 2.15pm, Reading Room
 Hard of Hearing Group, 3.00pm, Reading Room
- Tues 26th Safeguarding Team Meeting, 6.00pm, Zoom
 Finance Vision Group, 7.30pm, Zoom
- Weds 27th Central Team (Beverly, Henrietta, Robin, Trish), 1.00pm, Zoom
- Thurs 28th Holy Communion, 9.15am, Church
 Children & Young People Vision Group, 7.30pm, Zoom
 Premises Vision Group, 8.00pm, Zoom
- Fri 29th Toddler Group, 9.30am, Church
- Sat 30th Band Get Together, 4.00pm, Church
- Sun 1st Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Café-style Altogether Worship, with Baptism of Beth
 Tea-time Church, 4pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 25th Ps. 37:23-end, Isaiah 62:6-10, Acts 12:25-13:13
- Tues 26th Ps. 5, Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-20
- Weds 27th Ps. 30, Exodus 16:11-end, Colossians 2:1-15
- Thurs 28th Ps. 28, Exodus 17, Colossians 2:16-3:11
- Fri 29th Ps. 61, Exodus 18:1-12, Colossians 3:12-4:1
- Sat 30th Ps. 84, Exodus 18:13-end, Colossians 4:2-end

Service Readings for Sunday 1st May: 3rd of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Revelation 5:11-14 and John 21:1-19

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