



# *St Andrew's Church*

*Newsletter for 19th April 2020*

*Easter 2*

The prayers and readings for this Sunday

## **Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Reading - Acts 2; 14a, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know -this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## **Gospel – John 19; 20-end**

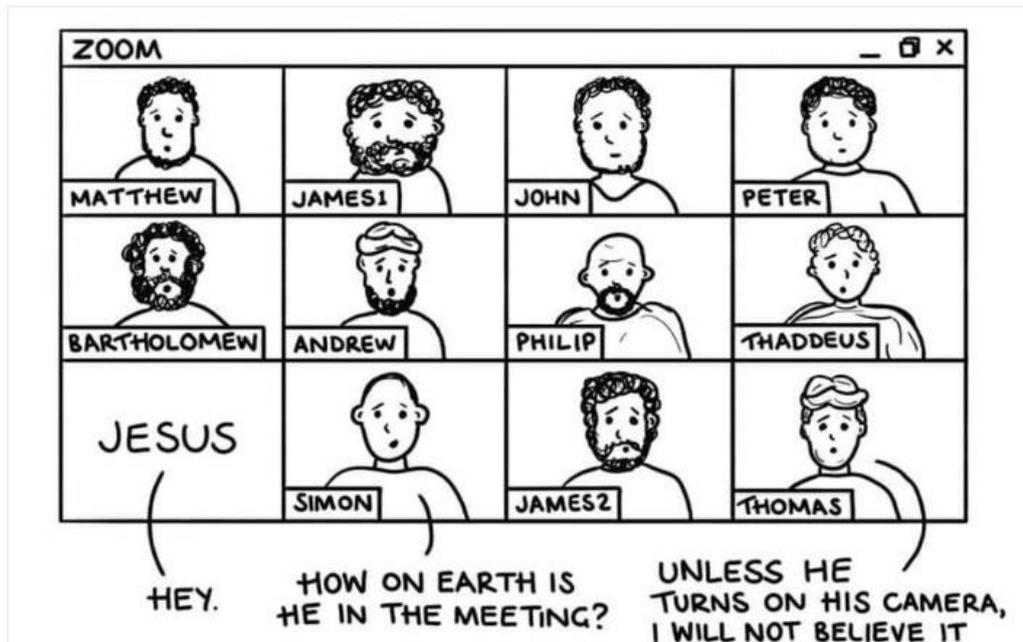
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those

who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Post Communion

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.**

On the lighter side.....



**Please pray for these people who are sick or in need of prayer**

Teresa Pugh, Christopher Jackson, Annie, Angela Dawkins, Beverley Mitchell, Josephine Thomas, Nancy Johnson, Mrs Baxter,

**Please pray for these people who have recently died**

Christine Martin, Janice Bissell,

**Please pray for these people whose anniversary falls at this time**

Syd Melbourne (Mar 27) Doreen Browne (Apr 2) Doug Tonks (Apr 5)

**Easter Lilies**

We have not been able this year to buy lilies in memory of those we have lost over the years. I am suggesting that you send names to me [alisonthorne1943@gmail.com](mailto:alisonthorne1943@gmail.com) and buy a virtual lily. I will compile a list to be published in a future newsletter. You may wish to make a donation of £2.00 to the Great Barr food bank at St Bernard's Hamstead – a very worthy cause just now. You can do this at [info@greatbarr.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@greatbarr.foodbank.org.uk)

**Services on line – Service of the Word St Andrew’s 10.00am Sunday; Eucharist St Mary’s 11.00am; St Andrew’s Sunday School 11.00am. Links available on the website.**

**Everyone is welcome to join the following live services for this coming week**

**St Mary’s Sunday Eucharist from St Mary’s rectory, live from 11.00am this coming Sunday by clicking this link - <https://t.co/CINox41n9G>**

**St Andrew’s Wednesday of Easter Week Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

**St Andrew’s Sunday Morning Service of the Word at 10.00 am, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

#### **Religious programmes on Radio**

BBC Radio 4 - Something Understood - Sunday 06:05

BBC Radio 4 - Sunday Worship - Sunday 08:10

BBC Radio 4 (Long Wave) - Daily Service - Monday to Friday - 09:45

BBC Radio 4 - Prayer for the day - Monday to Saturday - 05:43

BBC Radio 3 - Choral Evensong - Wednesday -15:30 (repeated Sunday at 15:00)

BBC Radio 2 - Good Morning Sunday - 06:00 - 09:00 ( A mixture of popular music and religious themed conversation)

#### **TV religious programmes are -**

BBC 1 - Sunday Worship - Sunday - 11:45

BBC 1 - Songs of Praise - Sunday 13:15

#### **You may like also to use these prayers**

O Blessed Jesus, who in thy wisdom, think it fit sometimes to call us your faithful servants to bear a cross of suffering, bring us not to suffer it until you have prepared us for it, and lay no more upon us than you will enable us to bear Give us patience and let the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit abound in us. **Amen.**

Let’s pray for strangers. Let’s thank God for the strangers who intercede for us. **Amen.**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give ear to our cry; do not hold your peace at our tears. For we are your passing guests, aliens, like all our forebears. Grant us to smile again, before we depart and are no more. **Amen.**

#### **Please pray for the following people who are sick or in need of prayer**

Fr John, Janice Bissell, a work colleague of Leonora, Sheila and Brian, Heather, Penny, Gill Ludford, Joan Hawkes, Rene, Peter Hill, Alan Hughes.

**Please pray for these people who have recently died**

Roger Flynn, another friend of Leonora, Christopher Mpofu,

**We pray for** all the people who have died of the coronavirus, and for all who mourn in very difficult circumstances. We pray for all sufferers, and for anxious friends and families. We give thanks to God for the skill and dedication of doctors and nurses working so hard and selflessly at this time.

