



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for 26th April 2020

Easter 3

The prayers and readings for this Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son 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; 36-41

Peter continued, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel – Luke 24; 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as those who walked with you on the Emmaus Road recognised you in the breaking of bread, so may we recognise you now as we join in worship. Grant that we too may meet with you, walk with you and talk with you, so that our hearts might burn within us as we go on our way, rejoicing. Open our hearts, today and every day, to your living presence and life-giving power. Amen.

Nick Fawcett

Prayer in the time of Covid

May your love that never fails
strengthen the weak
encourage the fearful
calm the anxious
heal the sick
through your church –
your washed hands
and feet on earth –
distant but still present
virtual but still connected
apart but still helping.
God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Amen.

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

Fr Henley, Sonia, Julian, Bella , Glen, Darren Taylor, Heather, Mrs Hawkes, Jalal and Jane, and Gill Ludford. We pray for all doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, carers, volunteers, pharmacists, shop keepers and community workers putting their lives at risk for us all. We pray for the families of those we have lost from our church, and for us all at this very stressful time.

Please pray for these people who have recently died

June Banner.

Please pray for these people whose anniversary falls at this time

Juliana Herbert, Doris Leyser, Geoffrey Williams.

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

