

St Andrew's Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Newsletter for April 11th 2021

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant - Father Jaisher; Preacher - Alison

Collect

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.

Reading

Acts 4;32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Gospel

John 20:19 - 21:1 ¹⁹

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 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.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Thomas, Aaron, Andrew, Rene, Gloria, Gill Ludford, Ann Bateman, Linda, Deb Jones, the Barrett family, Laura, Kirsty, Mohammed Azam, the people of Northern Ireland – for peace and justice.

For those who have recently died: Richard Okorogheye, Ciaran Morris, Mary Igbaro.

Anniversary of death: Janice Bissell, Janet Beatrice Azam.

Notices

A big thank you to Val and Elaine for their donation from the sale of the Sunrise Calendars. Well done both.

Prayer

Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

By raising your Son from the dead,

death has been destroyed and new life has been restored.

In him the victory over sin and the grave is won.

As you call us to newness of life, may our lives reflect his glory.

Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord, bless your Church, that it may reveal your presence and the power of the resurrection.

May each church community show signs of new life and joy in you.

Through our relationship with you may we bring others to be faithful.

We ask your blessing upon all who are seekers,

all who are new in the faith

and all who are struggling with doubt and darkness.

Lord, be known among us; make haste to help us.

Amen.

David Adam