

St Andrew's Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Pew sheet for 24th April 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Jaisher

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 52 402 87 61 310

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 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Gospel

John 20:19-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 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: Rose Miller, Sandra Miller, Linda, Rianne, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, the Clarke family, Nancy Forbes, Jacqueline Cole, baby King, Tabitha Gooding, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Gill Ludford.

Anniversary of death: Bernice Blake, Betty Buet.

Notices

- Wednesday 7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom, Thursday 10-12 Coffee Morning C=Good Shepherd Hall, Friday 6.30 Choir Practice via vestry door, Saturday 11-1pm Gardening.
- In June, there will be a confirmation service at St Mary's, Handsworth. If you, or someone you know, would like to be confirmed, or want to know what it means, please have a word with Alison Thorne or Fr John.

Prayer

Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To you be praise and glory for ever. Alleluia.
By the raising of your Son from the dead
you have opened to us the way to eternal life.
You have given us an everlasting joy and a deep peace
through bringing us to know the risen Christ.
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Risen Christ, be known among us and give us your peace.
Amen.

David Adam