

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021  
EASTER 2



A warm welcome to everyone whether you are regular or visiting.

**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.**

**NEW TESTAMENT: ACTS 4.32-35**

<sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord *All Thanks be to God*

**GOSPEL: JOHN 20. 19– END**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>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.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.' <sup>26</sup>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.' <sup>27</sup>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.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>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.' <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: *All Praise to you, O Christ*

**PRAYERS:**

We pray for our communities and in particular this week all the people who live on:

St Michael's Grove, St Michael's Lane, and St Michael's Close

We pray for those who are sick or in need at this time:

Terry Davey, Jean Wilson, Margaret Pinkney, Stephen, Jean Hollingdrake, Mary Wilkinson, Jessica

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for their families and friends:

Malcolm Gates, Ricardo Martin, Bernard Gladstone

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer:

Morrison Sparks, Cecil Blackie, Rose Hoggarth, James Dean, Elsie Dean, Nellie Matheson, Joan Evelyn Furness, Mary Davies Mary Elisabeth Corlett, Bill Wilkinson, John Gee, Roger Martin, Marjorie Dugdale, John Edward Dawson, James Russell, Leonard Pearce Entwistle, Iris Cowperthwaite, Ethel Whiteside

**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.**

The Church service on Sunday 25th April at 10.30am will be on the Glebe Field to celebrate **ST GEORGE**

The Annual Parochial Council Meeting (**APCM**) will be on Sunday 25th April at 11.45am in Church.

Don't forget the Common Worship Daily Prayer App—also available online at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers