

Warm Welcome to
St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield
Following Jesus; Celebrating Life; Welcoming All

7th April 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter

10.00am Eucharist Service

Leader: Revd. Alison Cook
Preacher: Revd. Alison Cook
Officiant: Revd. Alison Cook

12 noon Annual General Meeting

Chaired by Tim Gill

6.30pm Evening Worship

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Holy Communion – Thursday at 9.30am

As you prepare for worship today you might like to reflect on this prayer.

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.**

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Reading: Acts 4:32-35. John 20:19-end.

Hymns: 86, 33, 67, 660, (Childrens Hymn: 291)

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4.00pm Evening Worship

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14. Luke 1:26-38.

Diary

Monday	8th	1.00pm	Wedding in Church.
Tuesday	9th	10.00am to 12.00pm	Coffee Shop
		10.00am to 12.00pm	Garden Tidy
Thursday	11th	9.30am	Mid-week Communion
Friday	12th	10.00am to 12.00pm	Coffee Shop
		10.00am to 12.00pm	Garden Tidy
Sunday	14th		Third Sunday of Easter
		10.00am	All age Celebration
		6.30pm	Eucharist

General Notices

Tim is at St Mark's for their AGM. Sam is on annual leave.

Tim on Study Leave

Friday 12th April - Tim on Study Leave for 12 weeks.

AGM and Election of Wardens

Please note that the AGM and election of wardens will be held in Church on Sunday 7th April at 12 noon. Application/nomination forms are at the back of Church.

Church Cleaning

It is the time of year when we are appealing for help with the cost of church cleaning. The usual donation is £20. Please put your contribution in a Gift Aid envelope and mark it Church Cleaning. Thank You. Finance Team.

MOTHERS' UNION

A thank you to everyone who supported and helped at our Coffee Morning on 23rd March. We raised £364.00 which is going to help women in Tanzania. By helping the women and mothers with basic skills like literacy and money management, we can help a whole family. A big thank you to you all.

Parking on Priory Road.

I have had a few complaints about inconsiderate & illegal parking on Priory Road. Please remember our neighbours when coming to Church by car & be a good neighbour. Thanks, Tim.

An Invitation

Gary Simmons, curate here in the eighties, is to retire in May. He invites anyone who remembers him to attend his retirement service in Tamworth. Many of us remember him with fondness. There is a sheet with the details on the notice board at the back of church.

Prayer Requests.

All prayer requests are welcome, but we ask that if you put a name on the list for prayer – firstly you have asked permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer, secondly that your initials are with the request and that where possible you keep us updated on progress. Due to the number of people needing prayer we are now having a weekly list and a monthly one. If you have requested prayer and the name seems to have been removed and they are still in need of prayer please ask for the name to be put back. Generally names will be on for four weeks but that can always be extended. Thank you for your understanding.

Food Bank

Donations in kind can now be made to support the St Paul's Food Bank. Please leave in the boxes at the back of church – Thank You, Katharine.

Sheffield Diocesan Podcasts

The Diocese has recently started a weekly podcast called Words of Grace. Tim was interviewed a couple of weeks ago and the interview is available on the church website, along with a link to the Words of Grace podcast series.

<https://stmarysecclesfield.org.uk/>

Pastoral Care

During these unusual times it is difficult to be always aware of any members of the congregation who are unwell or in need of prayer, so if you know of any such concern it would be helpful if you could let Tim or Stephanie know. Thank you.

Would you like to donate but don't carry cash? Not a problem

You can donate with your credit or debit card using our contactless giving device at the back of church. Alternatively, just scan this QR code using your mobile phone to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

For further information speak to our Treasurer, Chris Harper



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.

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.

86 Urbs beata Jerusalem (c.7th century) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
you have promised loving kindness,
hear your servants as we pray,
bless your people now before you,
turn our darkness into day.
3. Hear the cry of all your people,
what they ask and hope to gain;
what they gain from you, for ever
with your chosen to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calv'ry's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only off'ring perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
 2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.
 3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
 4. And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.
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1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*
(Repeat)

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

1. Thine be the glory,
 risen, conqu'ring Son,
 endless is the vict'ry
 thou o'er death hast won;
 angels in bright raiment
 rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes
 where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
 risen, conqu'ring Son,
 endless is the vict'ry
 thou o'er death has won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us,
 risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us,
 scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the Church with gladness
 hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth;
 death has lost its sting.

3. No more we doubt thee,
 glorious Prince of Life!
 Life is naught without thee:
 aid us in our strife.
 Make us more than conqu'rors
 through thy deathless love.
 Bring us safe through Jordan
 to thy home above.

Childrens Hymn

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1. If I were a butterfly,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings,
 and if I were a robin in a tree,
 I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing,
 and if I were a fish in the sea,
 I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
 but I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.

*For you gave me a heart,
 and you gave me a smile,
 you gave me Jesus
 and you made me your child,
 and I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.*

2. If I were an elephant,
 I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk,
 and if I were a kangaroo,
 you know I'd hop right up to you,
 and if I were an octopus,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks,
 but I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.

3. If I were a wiggly worm,
 I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm,
 and if I were a billy goat,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my strong throat,
 and if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair,
 but I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.