



Notices for 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

## **The second Sunday of Easter**

*A warm welcome to everyone;  
please come into the hall for refreshments after the service.*

### **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.

### **Hymns:**

- 162** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
- 515** Lord, thy word abideth
- 411** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 386** Be thou my vision
- 159** The strife is o'er the battle done

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## **Readings:**

### **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.

## **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.

## **Vacancy Notices and Dates**

**8am SERVICES will be held only once a month** on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

### **Intercessors, Sidespeople and Welcomers**

Our Sunday services are assisted by several small groups of people. We would like to encourage more to join these teams to reduce the work load the current people.

**Intercessors** who read the prayers week by week. We can give some advice and help if you are unsure how to do this.

**Sidespeople** who give out the hymn books at the start of the service and collect them at the end. They also help control the flow of the congregation for communion. They sometimes also direct visitors where they can sit or to our facilities.

**Welcomers** are the first person met as people come through our main door. These are a friendly face to welcome visitors or regular congregants alike.

# Dates for your Diary

**Monday 8th April** Knit and Natter in The Leverton Room 7.30-9.30pm

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Quiz night 7pm**

Tickets are now available for the quiz night, price £10 and include a baked potato and chilli. Please see Sara for tickets. **We intend to hold a raffle at this event. If you have any suitable raffle prizes, could you please bring them and put them under the table at the back of the church.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Service 09:30**

We will be joined by the Rt Revd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking for our Service of Holy Communion

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – APCM** in church at 11:00am