

### 8am Holy Communion, in Church

### 10am Service of the Word, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

**1. Come to Church** All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

### 2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Passcode **834900**

### 3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Passcode: **834900** followed by #

*You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).*

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-call or communicate with one another.

### Collect for The Second Sunday of Easter

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.

### A Psalm for today, Psalm 133

**Refrain: Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, Even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing. It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore. **[R]**

*Grant to your people, good Lord, the spirit of unity, that they may dwell together in your love, and so bear to the world the ointment of your healing and the dew of your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A prayer in our Garden of Gethsemane



### Gospel for The Second Sunday of Easter, 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.



Jesus reveals himself to Thomas

### An anthem for today

You might like to listen to the Easter Anthem [I know that my redeemer liveth](#), from Handel's Messiah; sung by Sylvia McNair with The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields.

**Our Children & Young People** – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet, do explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page: each week there are fresh and inspiring resources including prayers, games, quizzes and videos:

- There's a **printable sheet** which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.
- You might also like to share in this week's **Godly Story**, 'The Story of Doubting Thomas'. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's [here](#).
- You might like to have input into / join the Families Minister Working Group (see other page) .



# Newsletter and Notices

# Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Second Sunday of Easter



**The Prayer Chain, a message from Diane Pettitt** – We feel we have come to a natural 'end of a season' and it is the right time to wind down the prayer chain in its current format and seek new direction. It has been a real blessing for so many and I'm thankful for all the faithful prayers offered up for so many folk and all the different needs over this past year. As things hopefully progress and restrictions are eased it may be possible to look at meeting together for some regular prayer times ... possibly in church or elsewhere if anybody is interested in this? Please contact me at [diane.pettitt@hotmail.com](mailto:diane.pettitt@hotmail.com) / 461845.

**The Stations of the Cross and the Stations of Easter** – The reflections are available as an A5 printout on the [prayer page](#) of our website in case you'd like to revisit them.

**The CSG Mary's Meals and Church Army Red Bucket Lent Appeal** raised £1398.14 including gift aid. We are delighted to be sending £700 to each charity. Thanks very much to all who donated. The excellent work these charities do can be seen on their websites.

**Families Minister Working Group** – "Whilst our young people have been able to take part in some church activities in person and online during the Covid crisis, we have all keenly felt their absence in church. A group of us (for the PCC) have been looking at what face to face family/children activities we might be able to start - as soon as this can be done safely. An essential element in this 'recovery' involves reactivating the recruitment process for a Families Minister (paused last year) as soon as it's possible. If you have an interest in this area and would like to join the group, or have any suggestions or comments about children's worship, please email me at [bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk). Many thanks. Bill". Information on the Families Minister post as advertised last year is available [here](#).

**Forum to discuss music and worship** – Restrictions around singing are beginning gently to ease. We hope they'll gradually allow more and more musical worship as time proceeds. So it would be good to take stock of where we are, what worship in lockdown has taught us, and how God might call us to move forward with music in worship. To begin this conversation, I'll host a Zoom discussion forum on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** at 7:30pm. It's open to all – please let the Office know you'd like to come and details and discussion questions will be forthcoming. I hope a subsequent step will be a face to face discussion, before too long, but it will be good to start talking. One outcome I'm hoping for is the recommencement (and probable re-imagining) of the Director of Music appointment process. Thanks for considering if you'd like to join this conversation. Derwyn.

**Virtual Choir for Easter** – Members of Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford have come together as a virtual choir to sing 'Risen' (Shawna Edwards/Daniel Blomberg). You might like to listen to / watch it on YouTube [here](#).

**Town Project invitation** – Would you like to help with planting some trees and shrubbery in a newly created 'wet woodland' near to Old River Lane? It's anticipated this will take place in **mid-April** so for now, if you're interested in being kept up to date, please register your interest at [megan.kervin@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:megan.kervin@salvationarmy.org.uk) / 01279 507464.

**The church is open for personal prayer from 11am to 1pm every day**  
*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.*

**Piano music is played on Tuesdays 11-11:30am and on Fridays 12-12.30pm.**

**Prayers for our Community in Church and via Zoom, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am**  
– A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358 / Code 435609). All welcome.

**Bridge Zoom Worship, 5:30pm, Sunday 11th April** – We'll be thinking about the Easter story and the resurrection and, in particular, as we seem to be emerging into a new 'normality' in society, what that means for new life for us as Christians and in the world. (ID: 884 4536 8888, contact [bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com) for Passcode).

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10am** – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

**Riding Lights Theatre Company presents a Lockdown Passion Play** – Filmed remotely in lockdown, Breaking Day by Les Ellison is **available to stream until 15<sup>th</sup> April**. Tickets £10 per household, from: [www.ridinglights.org/breaking-day](http://www.ridinglights.org/breaking-day)

**Alpha Youth Series, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30-9pm** – Our session on 18<sup>th</sup> April will be based around the topic 'Telling others: why and how should I tell others?' (ID: 869 9900 8274, contact [bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com) for Passcode).

**'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11 for 11:15am** – We're delighted to be offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents/carers. Social distancing measures and Covid precautions will be in place. More details will be available after this initial gathering but note the day and time in your calendars!

**APCM, 23<sup>rd</sup> May after 10am service** – Electoral Roll revision is currently taking place (ending on 26<sup>th</sup> April) if you'd like to join our electoral roll / nominate for PCC election.

**Zoom prayer with June on Mondays** – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

### Parish Register for March

We remember in our prayers the family of Doreen Williams, whose funeral took place this last month.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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