

Services & Diary Dates

Monday Mark	25 th	1330 Interment of Ashes - Kathleen Houghton 2100 Online Compline
Tuesday St George	26 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	27 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	28 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	29 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	30 th	
Sunday	1 st	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

News

Today @10:30am Annual Parish-ioners Church Meeting (APCM)

Please attend if you can.

PCC Vacancies:

There are **6 vacancies** to be filled on the PCC. Please do think about whether you could contribute to the life of this church by joining. If you would like more information, or to express an interest, please talk to Rev'd Jenny or the wardens.

The **Electoral Roll** will **re-open** after today's APCM.

APCM Group Reports and Annual Financial Statements are available on the church website. There are some printed copies available from the back of church.

The flowers in church have been donated by Mary Jackson in loving memory of husband Michael, whose anniversary was 31st March.

Monday 25th Apr The funeral service of Mary Gregory takes place @12:30pm in St Mary's Church, Welwyn.

Thur 5th May The Hall is in use as a Polling Station from 7am to 10pm. No Thursday lunches or any other events in the Hall.

Welcome

Sunday 24th April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & Children's Church (YACC) Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

Years 5 to 7 - Song School

Year 8 upwards in the Cellar

Hymns: 703 145 141(2nd tune) 311

Music

Choir: Oldroyd - Mass of the Quiet Hour
Harris - Holy is the true light

10:30am APCM

6pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Choir: *Introit* This Joyful Eastertide *Responses* Edwards
Psalm 29 *Canticles* Sumsion in A *Anthem*
Parry - My soul there is a country **Hymns 157 172**
Dismissal Naylor Festal

Music

This week we pray for all who live and work in Downfields and Stacklands.

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Collect

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.

Acts 5: 27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made 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 Saviour 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.'

Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on 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.

Next Readings: Acts 9: 1-20; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19