

Welcome to our services today

27 April 2025

Second Sunday after Easter

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Followed by refreshments and chat in the Hall.

For part of this service during term time, young people are invited to join our age-appropriate activities led by our youth team:

Groups for ages up to Year 5 meets in the Hall

Years 5 to 7 in the Parish Room

Years 8+ in the Cellar (access is through the Parish Room)

There are various resources and activity bags in the Children's

Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: 145, 158, 278, 250

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Choir Music: Leighton in D

Shepherd The Easter Song of Praise

Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-30

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

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, 10:45am

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6pm

Introit: Wood This joyful Eastertide Responses: Forbes L'Estrange

Psalm: 16 Canticles: Stanford in C Anthem: Ley – The strife is o'er

Hymns: 144, 568 Dismissal: Gould Easter

Next service's readings: Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14;

John 21: 1-19

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This Church is currently in vacancy. New minister required!

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 29 Apr

Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 30 Apr

Said Eucharist, 10.30am

Coffee for All, 10.30am

Zoom online prayer group, 8pm

Thur 1 May

Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 2 May

Choir practice, 7pm

Sun 4 May

Said Eucharist, 8am

Parish Communion, 9.15am

Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

The donations towards Easter flowers included a tribute in loving memory of Michael Jackson given by Mary and family.

News

"Thank you everyone for all your good wishes last weekend and for your very generous gift. Simon and I will enjoy going shopping for something for our new house.

It has been a real privilege journeying with you all for the past 15 years. I will treasure the many good memories I have.

God bless."

Jenny and family

APCM: Do attend if you can, this is a chance to hear what has been happening, our financial situation and what's happening during our interregnum. APCM Group Reports and Annual Financial Statements are available on our church website. Some paper copies are available from the back of church.

The Electoral Roll is now closed and will reopen after today's APCM.

Reminder: Thursday 1 May is Polling Day so the Hall is in use as a polling station all day till 10pm.

Exciting new event in Autumn!

We are going to hold an Art Exhibition in church over 3 days at the end of September 2025, featuring work by artists who live in WGC or nearby. Would anyone who is an artist, or attends Art Classes or knows of people who do and might be interested in exhibiting, please contact Andrew Watkinson at andrewwatkinson@btinternet.com or 07913 923364.

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2nd Sunday of Easter

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: 19-30

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.

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