

Sunday 17th April 2022

EASTER DAY

Happy Easter, and welcome to everyone today in church.
Welcome, too, to those joining our livestreams via Facebook.

Please take note of our on-going Covid-safety measures:

*** Face-coverings are recommended, but optional**

*** Sitting away from others is still suggested**

*** Holy Communion is administered, standing, in one kind only**

*** Please join us for refreshments, after church, in the Hall**

We want everyone to feel, and to be, safe.

Please help us to keep this possible.

HYMN

St Thomas 267

St James 110

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the

dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GRADUAL HYMN

St Thomas 324

St James 113

Gospel Reading *John 20.1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew,* 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

OFFERTORY HYMN

St Thomas 26

St James 271

COMMUNION HYMNS

St Thomas 24, 355
St James 115, 121

Prayer after Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FINAL HYMN

St Thomas 503
St James 120

The Week Ahead & Information

Today Bacon butties follow the service at St James'. Please give generously to help our Scouts raise funds to get them to the World Scout Jamboree.
12.30 Holy Baptism of Carson *at St James'*
NB No Evening Prayer today at St Thomas'

EASTER WEEK

Tuesday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook page*

Tuesday 9.30-11 Thomas' Tots *in the Church Hall*
10am Eucharist *at St James'*

Thursday 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
11-1 Refectory Café open
2.30 Prayer Group *at St Thomas'*

Friday 1pm Funeral Service for Jacqueline Metcalfe RIP
at St Thomas'

Next Sunday – 24th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
9.15	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
10.45	Eucharist at <i>St James'</i>
12.15	Holy Baptism at <i>St James'</i>

St James' Spring Fair

Saturday 30th April, 10.30-2. There will be a range of stalls (including toys, games, homemade, craft, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, jewellery...) Items for stalls – including prizes and tombola items - appreciated in the boxes at the back of church. Can you help us on the day? Please speak to Kaye Ridings. Also ... the café will be open on Friday 11-1 and during the Fair.

Bacon butties after church

The next dates for bacon butties after church, to help our Scouts raise funds for the World Scout Jamboree, will be 17th April (St James'), 15th May (St Thomas'), 22nd May (St James')

APCM

The Annual Meetings this year, as previously, follow on from the Parish Eucharist. St Thomas' is on Sunday 8th May and St James' is on Sunday 15th May. Everyone of the Electoral Roll is invited to attend. Everyone is encouraged to come to church and to stay on to celebrate all that our churches have been doing in the last year.

Churchwarden & PCC Vacancies

Churchwardens are elected every year. Both churches also have vacancies on their PCC. Information on these roles, as well as nomination forms, will be available at the back of church. If you are eligible to stand, *please*, consider it.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Names of those on the parish prayer lists will also be pinned to the prayer boards in each church.

For your prayers

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Derek, Rachael, Mike, Lily, Christian, Baby Theo, Mother Enid, Margaret, Denzil, Christine

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*