



## Holy Communion

9.30am – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Easter Day

### Gathering and Greeting

Christ yesterday and today,  
All the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
All to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever.  
Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The minister lights the Easter Candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Alleluia. Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia* 147  
Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*  
Who did once upon the cross, *Alleluia*  
Suffer to redeem our loss, *Alleluia*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia*  
Unto Christ our heavenly king, *Alleluia*  
Who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*  
Sinners to redeem and save, *Alleluia*

But the pains that He endured, *Alleluia*  
Our salvation have procured, *Alleluia*  
Now above the sky He's king, *Alleluia*  
Where the angels ever sing, *Alleluia*.

### Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others.

All: Amen.

### Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

### Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

### Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sing the

### Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.

## The Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the  
mighty resurrection of your Son overcame  
the old order of sin and death to make all  
things new in him: grant that we, being  
dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory; to whom with  
you and the Holy Spirit be praise and  
honour, glory and might, now and in all  
eternity.

All: Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I  
truly understand that God shows no  
partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone  
who fears him and does what is right is  
acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the  
message he sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord  
of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout  
Judea, beginning in Galilee after the  
baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup>  
but God raised him on the third day and  
allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup>  
All the prophets testify about him that  
everyone who believes in him receives  
forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 118.14-24

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

<sup>15</sup> Joyful shouts of salvation • sound from  
the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup> 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty  
deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises  
up; • the right hand of the Lord does  
mighty deeds.'

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live • and declare the  
works of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me sorely, • but  
he has not given me over to death.

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
• that I may enter and give thanks to the  
Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; • the  
righteous shall enter through it.

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you have  
answered me • and have become my  
salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected •  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**O give thanks to the Lord for he is good**

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing, • and it is  
marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has  
made; • we will rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Come O Lord and save us we pray •  
come Lord send us now prosperity  
**O give thanks to the Lord for he is good**

## **New Testament Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in  
Christ, we are of all people most to be  
pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from  
the dead, the firstfruits of those who have  
fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came  
through a man, the resurrection of the  
dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in  
Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made  
alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the  
firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who  
belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come,  
when he hands over the kingdom to God  
the Father after he has destroyed all  
dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he  
must reign until he has put all his enemies  
under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be  
destroyed is death..

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the  
Lord, and the living one; I was  
dead, and behold I am alive for  
evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, very early in  
the morning, the women took the spices  
they had prepared and went to the  
tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away  
from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered,  
they did not find the body of the Lord  
Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about  
this, suddenly two men in clothes that  
gleamed like lightning stood beside  
them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed  
down with their faces to the ground, but  
the men said to them, 'Why do you look for  
the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here;  
he has risen! Remember how he told you,  
while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> "The  
Son of Man must be delivered over to the  
hands of sinners, be crucified and on the  
third day be raised again.'" <sup>8</sup> Then they  
remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb,  
they told all these things to the Eleven and  
to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene,  
Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the  
others with them who told this to the  
apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the  
women, because their words seemed to  
them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got  
up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he  
saw the strips of linen lying by themselves,  
and he went away, wondering to himself  
what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon** – Philip Sudell

*A day of wonder!*

## Profession of Faith

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made  
man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead, and his kingdom will  
have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his  
disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the  
Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be  
always with you.

All: And also with you.

The bread and wine are brought to the  
Lord's Table

Jesus lives! thy terrors now 148  
can, O death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal:  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
naught from us his love shall sever;  
life nor death nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given:  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give  
thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



## The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in  
the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one  
body, because we all share in one  
bread.

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.

## The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of  
our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for  
you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died  
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by  
faith with thanksgiving.

## 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. Amen.

## Church family news

Thine be the glory,  
risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,  
risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory,  
thou o'er death hast won.*

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Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness,  
hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth,  
death hath lost its sting.

*Refrain*

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

*Refrain*

Edmond Louis Budry, George Frideric Handel, Richard Birch Hoyle

## Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from  
the dead our Lord Jesus, that great  
shepherd of the sheep, through the blood  
of the eternal covenant, make you perfect  
in every good work to do his will, working  
in you that which is well-pleasing in his  
sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

## Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.  
Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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## **Readings for next Sunday**

27<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

Matthew 7:13-23

## The week ahead

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER</b> 9.30am 11am	<b>DAY</b> Holy Communion Easter Celebration
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:45-11am  8pm	<b>Chat &amp; Play</b> for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall <b>Midweek Groups meet</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am  12-3pm  3.45-5pm  8pm	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> @ St Peter's Hall  <b>Community Café</b> @ St Peter's Hall  <b>FAB Club</b> @ St Peter's Hall  <b>Midweek groups meet</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:15-8am	<b>Friday Prayer</b> @ 163 CHL
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<b>Christian Aid Quiz</b> @ St Peter's Church
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Easter Celebration</b>

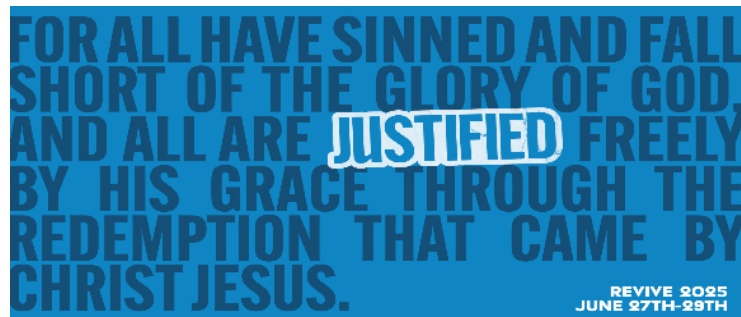
## Looking ahead

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April – Christian Aid Quiz  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April – PCC Meeting  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) after the 11am service  
Sun 1<sup>st</sup> June – Church Family BBQ and farewell to Beth  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> June – REVIVE

## Regular activities all start back this week!

### REVIVE 27-29 June

Sign-ups are still open - Speak to Clare or Beth if you would like to know any more. We can't wait to see you there!



## Electoral Roll - New Roll this year!

Every six years it is completely renewed and everyone is asked to enrol. You can do this up to next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April! – Forms are available on the table at church and we'd love everyone who considers themselves part of



St Peter's to enrol if they are able and qualify – you have to either live in the parish or have been attending regularly for 6 months.



### Christian Aid Quiz Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April

We will be hosting a quiz night for Christian Aid week on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm to 9:30pm!  
Get a table together (tables of 8) and email the church office to book in.  
£10 per ticket inc Ploughmans and donation to Christian Aid

## Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens (2) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the presentation of the annual reports and the election of up to 9 members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will take place **after the 11am service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
Nomination forms will be available from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April