



Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's

Including the readings for Sunday 4 April



Sunday 4 April 2021
Easter Sunday

***Worship & Prayer in church & online
for this Sunday and the coming week***
**You will find the Readings and Collect for Easter Sunday
on the centre pages 4 & 5**

In Church

04 April – Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43 & Mark 16.1-8

9am St Luke's & 10:40am at St Mary's - both communion services

10am Wednesday Holy Communion - no booking required

Next Sunday 11 April – Easter 2

Acts 4.32-35 & John 20.19-31

9am St Luke's – Holy Communion & 10:40am at St Mary's Morning Prayer

Booking is required - preferred methods

Online: bit.ly/book4worship Email: booking@stmaryswistaston.org.uk

If you can't do either of the above then please call the Rectory on 01270 665742

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



YouTube: bit.ly/youtubestmarys1 & Facebook: bit.ly/facebookstmarys

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode: 567119

Morning Prayer on Zoom, 9:30am Mon, Tues & Thurs bit.ly/930mp

or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307 Passcode: 914961

© **Sunday Service DVD.** Please let [Revd Mike](#) know if you know someone without online access, with a DVD player, who'd like one.

Giving to St Mary's & St Luke's

The church's finances are under extreme pressure at the moment. Due to the lack of income from not being in church and from not being able to let the church hall we have lost around £30,000 in the past 12 months. To find out more about giving to church, the ways you can do it, please go to bit.ly/giving2stmarys. Please keep our finances in your prayers. Revd Mike.

**Alleluia, Christ is Risen.
He is Risen indeed, alleluia!**

*A Happy and Joyful Easter to you
and your loved ones this Eastertide.*

The ancient Easter Acclamation above has been used by Christians for centuries to greet each other and is still used at the beginning of services during the Easter season. At one time, it would have been a common greeting that Christians used when they met each other and has now become a part of the Easter liturgy. This ancient phrase echoes the greeting of the angel to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary as they arrived at the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus: "*He is not here; for he has risen, as he said*" (Matt 28:6).

The excitement of that first encounter with the Risen Jesus has continued through the centuries and Christians in every age have proclaimed it and kept the message alive, Christ is Risen!

The reason for this is to ensure the message of the Risen Christ is made known to this and future generations so as they may join in and experience for themselves the life transforming gift of the Risen



Jesus. After all, why wouldn't you want to pass on good news to others? It's a natural thing to want to do. If we have a good meal in a restaurant (*remember those times!*), or we've had good service from a company or an individual, we quite naturally want to share that with other people, so that they can have the same experience.

The same is true of the Christian message, of the resurrection, of our personal experience of the Risen Jesus, we should want to share it. Times are difficult at the moment and it's not easy to share things with other people in a meaningful way, however, let's keep the message of the Risen Jesus in our minds through this Easter season (*ends 16 May*) and look for opportunities to let others know the difference that the Risen Jesus has made in our lives.

With all God's Blessings,

Revd Mike

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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The Collect for Easter Sunday

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. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 11.1–11

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Ladies Afternoon Group

We are hoping that the wonderful vaccination programme will bring the day nearer when we can all meet again. We shall be able to talk about the valiant efforts made by our members to cope with the very challenging situation. In the meantime, enjoy God's beautiful creation which is the Springtime. Marian and Audrey.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 16 May

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2021 is on Sunday 16 May 2021 at 12 noon. Due to the Covid restrictions in place, and with permission from the Bishop of Chester, **the meeting will be online only on Zoom.** There will also be access by phone, please contact Revd Mike for the details if you'd like to 'attend' by phone. The meeting is open to anyone on the church's Electoral Roll and you can register to attend the meeting here: bit.ly/stmarysapcm21 At the APCM we will be electing 2 Church Wardens and 7 Members to the PCC. Ahead of the APCM.

There will be a **Revision of the Electoral Roll**, as this is just a revision, if you are already on the church's Electoral Roll, there is no need to reapply. All the details and the relevant forms can be found at bit.ly/theapcm and are available at both churches.



Easter Resources from the Bible Society

The Bible Society has, once again, produced some fantastic online Easter resources and Howard Barker has shared them on our [Blog](#)

An Easter Message from Bishop Mark

The Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Mark Tanner, delivers his Easter message for 2021 from his back garden. You can watch his video at <http://bit.ly/BpMarkEaster21>, in which he talks of hope being born and how we can look forward with confidence.



Josie Percival: It is with sadness that I received the news of Josie's death on Tuesday 30 March. She was a much loved member of our church and the local community. Please keep Alex & Jacqueline in your prayers. Revd Mike.

From the Church Registers: February & March 2021

Baptisms: None **Weddings:** None

Funerals – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

2 February 2021	David John SALMON	75
11 February 2021	Peter John WILLIAMSON	80
22 February 2021	James Hunter HARDIE	80
24 February 2021	Reina HUGHES	89
2 March 2021	Roger WOODWARD	81
8 March 2021	Margaret Ann WELCH	83
11 March 2021	Michael George FOLLENFANT	77
18 March 2021	Gwendolyn Mary BLACKWELL	92
25 March 2021	Martha Joan BETTS	100
29 March 2021	Ruby BAKER	80
30 March 2021	Peter WALKER	88

Hearts to Remember

Thanks for all the hearts we've received from individuals and the local primary schools, it's been an amazing and emotional response. All the hearts we've received so far are up, do take a look if you are passing by. We are planning to leave the hearts up to, and including, Sunday 11 April. For more information and photos please go to bit.ly/heartstoremember.



A New Style Magazine

When the pandemic struck in March 2020, as we couldn't print or even distribute paper at the time, the Magazine moved online on our Blog. The time seems right now to make it available in print form once again and so we have this '*new style*' Magazine. It will be available monthly, on the first Sunday, and has the readings for that day printed in it as well. It is available 'in print' in church and online on the Blog. We can print this at the Office so saving a lot of money on printing. There is no cost for this magazine, but if you want to make a donation to offset the cost, please feel free to do so, suggestion is £10/year.

We don't have the facility to include the Chester Diocesan News in the Magazine, which itself is only available online at the moment, but it can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month, we always put a link on our Blog when it's available. If you don't have access to the internet you could ask a child or grandchild to download it for you, if this is not possible ask Polly in the office.

We would like your articles for the May Magazine. You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Monday 26 April.**

Keeping in touch

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Polly & Teresa are on furlough, phone calls and emails are being answered remotely & it make take longer to reply to you.

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