

# Sunday 16 April 2023

# **Second Sunday of Easter**

8.00 am – Low Mass Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Service Homily: Catherine Gibson

**10.45 am – Sung Mass** Fr Alex

There is no service of Choral Evensong



Flowers today are given by Sheila and Arnold Mahon in loving memory of George Pawson and by Julie James in loving memory of her mother Edna Wickstead

# **IN OUR PRAYERS**

<u>Please pray for the sick:</u> Martin Ashby, Allan Barnes, Ann Betts, Jasper Boyton, Joyce Cross, Pam Hearnshaw, Anna Lickley, Pam Monkman, David Scottow, John Semple, Hugh Sowerby, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Irene Whittaker, Hayes Williams.

<u>Departed</u> Margaret Hellewell, Elizabeth Horn, Tom McLeish, Ian Wilson

Years' Mind

Monday Joan Lightwood

**Tuesday** Augustus Howell, Alastair Smith

Wednesday Maurice Newbold

**Thursday** Hilda Chamberlen, Ted Strivens, David Webb (pr)

Friday Howard Powell, Albert South, Annie South

## SUNG MASS, 10.45 am

**Mass Setting** David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas

(printed in the back of the Order of Mass booklet)

At the beginning of the service, turn to face the font

**Opening Hymn** 103 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

#### 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. **Amen**.

### First Reading Acts 2. 14a, 22 – 32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

**8.00 am: Psalm 16** (printed in the back of Common Worship)

**10.45 am: Gradual Hymn** 107 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

## Gospel Reading John 20. 19 – 31

When it was evening on that day, 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.

**Homily** Fr Alex

**Offertory Hymn** 173 Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer

**Communion Motet** Walking in a garden (the words can be found at NEH 123)

**Communion Hymn** 115 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

**Recessional Hymn** 113 Love's redeeming work is done

**Organ Postlude** Johann Sebastian Bach: Three variations on 'Christ ist erstanden'

BWV 627 (Orgelbüchlein)

# **CHURCH DIARY**

# Morning Prayer at 9.00 am and Evening Prayer at 5.15 pm (Tuesday to Friday)

Tuesday 18	2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Easter Communion <i>at Troutbeck</i> Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex Mthr Isobel
Wednesday 19	2.30 pm	Easter Communion at Straven	Fr Alex
Thursday 20	11.00 am 12.30 pm	Low Mass Lunch Club	Fr Alex
	2.00 pm	Easter Communion at Abbeydale	Fr Alex
Friday 21	9.30 am 1.30 pm 6.30 pm 7.45 pm	Playtime Funeral of Ian Wilson Junior singers rehearsal Choir rehearsal	Fr Alex
Sunday 23	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
Third Sunday	9.15 am	Family Service	Fr Alex (H: Catherine B)
of Easter	10.45 am 6.30 pm	Sung Mass Choral Evensong	Fr Alex (H: Fr Kenneth)
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Tuesday 25	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 27	11.00 am	Low Mass with social time	Fr Alex
Friday 28	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 30	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
Fourth Sunday	<u>10.00 am</u>	Parish Mass	Fr Alex
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	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex

## **NOTICES**

## Holy Week - thank you!

I want to say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to our Holy Week and Easter liturgies in any way. It was the most wonderful and moving week, and it couldn't have happened like that without the dedication and devotion of a large number of people. I am very grateful.

Thank you, too, to all who came to our liturgies, and indeed engaged prayerfully with our whole Lenten observance. I believe Lent and Holy Week is a transformational time for a community, and I feel we've been on journey together into a greater understanding of God's love for us.

## **Good news - Holy Week Family Service attendances**

All of our liturgies saw greater numbers this year, particularly at the addresses on Monday to Wednesday, but I wanted to share with you the especially good news of our Family Service attendances.

Palm Sunday: 36 (2022: 31) Good Friday: 49 (2022: 32) Easter Day: 75 (2022: 51)

On Easter Day we had nearly 200 people in church over the two Masses, which is a cause for great celebration. Fr Alex.

Prayers are requested by the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, for Novice Sister Lizzie Ruth, who has been elected to a period under promise in the Community. She is to be received as a Sister on Wednesday 26 April at 11.00 am.

# Lunch Club

# Thursday 20 April at 12.30 pm

The next lunch club takes place on Thursday 20 April at 12.30 pm. The cost is £7.00 for the meal and £2.00 for a glass of wine. Tickets are on sale this Sunday, or people can call Sandy on 01943 603222 to book a place. Arrivals from 12.00 pm with lunch served at 12.30 pm.

#### **Easter Care Home Communions**

Fr Alex and Catherine Gibson will be sharing the Easter story with hymns and Communion in our care homes. Members of the congregation are welcome to join us. The homes may require you to wear the masks they provide, and the signing-in procedure may take a little longer than in pre-Covid times, so please arrive in good time.

Tuesday 18 April at 2.00 pm: Troutbeck (Crossbeck Road, LS29 9JP) Wednesday 19 April at 2.30 pm: Straven (Queen's Road, LS29 9QL) Thursday 20 April at 2.00 pm: Abbeydale (Grove Road, LS29 9QE)

# Annual Parish Church Meeting Sunday 30 April

For full details of our Annual Parish Church Meeting, which takes place after Parish Mass, see page 7. **Please note the earlier time of Mass at 10.00 am.** 

# Organ Recital Friday 5 May at 12.30 pm

The May recital has lots of little-known treasures for you to discover. The Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' by Ralph Vaughan Williams is the only well-known piece on the programme, where it is joined by the other two preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes from 1920 on Bryn Calfaria and Hyfrydol. A delightful Minuetto and blazing Toccata by Gigout is followed by two anguished pieces by Jongen written during the First World War, and a Victorian impression of a Dionysiac orgy from Basil Harwood, organist of Ely and Oxford cathedrals, called 'Dithyramb'. CBR

## <u>Celebration of the Coronation at St Margaret's</u> <u>Friday 5 to Sunday 7 May</u>

We will be celebrating this very important moment in our nation's life over the Coronation weekend, with a number of special services and events.

On the day of the Coronation itself, Saturday 6 May, we are not screening the event in church but encouraging members of the congregation to get together in each other's homes to watch it and celebrate together. A booklet of prayers will be available for you to use.

# Friday 5 May - Prayer Vigil - 5.15 pm to 8.15 pm

Beginning with a special Evening Prayer at 5.15 pm, and ending with Compline at 8.00 pm, the church will be open for any who wish to come and pray for the King and our nation on the eve of the Coronation. You are welcome to come and go as you please through the evening. A booklet of prayers will be available for you to use.

# Sunday 7 May – Family Service and tea party – 9.15 am to 10.30 am

After a brief service in church, we will share a tea party together in the hall. All are welcome.

# Sunday 7 May – Sung Mass – 10.45 am

The Sung Mass will include special prayers for the King and will be followed by wine in the hall.

# Sunday 7 May – Civic Service of Celebration – 6.30 pm

We are hosting Ilkley Town Council's official celebration, with a service of readings and royal music. It will be a grand and memorable occasion. Drinks will be served following the service. We are very pleased to welcome Fr David Hope to preach for us.

## **ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING**

## Sunday 30 April

The annual meetings will be held on Sunday 30 April at 11.15 am following Parish Mass at the earlier time of 10.00 am. At the meetings there will be the following elections:

- 2 Churchwardens,
- 9 Parochial Church Council members,
- 4 Deanery Synod representatives

Nominations for all three positions are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Role of St Margaret's and who satisfy the other requirements specified on the nomination forms. Churchwardens are elected annually. PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a period of three years.

Nominations have been received for:

#### **PCC**

Catherine Cheater – Nominated by Linda Whittaker, Seconded by Isabel Rathbone Sarah Williams – Nominated by Gwyneth Hartley, Seconded by Val Smith

## Deanery Synod

Gwyneth Hartley - Nominated by Sarah Williams, Seconded by Val Smith

Nomination forms for all three positions are available at the back of the church and should be returned to me, Fr Alex, or the current churchwardens. They can also be left in the red safe at the back of the church.

There will be a meeting held immediately before the elections on that day where you will have a chance to hear from the candidates.

Thank you, Helen Pilling Acting Secretary to PCC

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