



“But Thomas(who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.” John 20. 24

This morning's music

310 Holy, holy, holy! Lord god Almighty

494 Love's redeeming work is done

33 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

533 Now the green blade riseth

839 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

This morning's readings and prayers

Acts 5.27-32 (reader: Barbara Purvis); Psalm 150;

Revelation 1.4-8 (reader: Esther Masih);

John 20.19-31 (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine);

Intercessor: Opal Walsh

Prayer in the silence after communion

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Collect: Second Sunday of Easter

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.

Gospel acclamation Reader: Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Response: **Alleluia**

Post-Communion: 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.

Next Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 9.1-20 (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 30; **Revelation 5.11-14** (reader: Pam Race); **John 21.1-19** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Helen Reid

Eastertide greeting

President: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

President: Alleluia. Christ is risen

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Eastertide dismissal

A minister: We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

Tea & coffee are served in the Community Hall after the morning service

Today

In the Hall after the Parish Communion: Annual Meeting, an important event in the life of the church when we appoint Churchwardens, PCC members &c. for the year ahead, and look at the financial picture as it affects the coming year. A particular focus this year is on promoting the use of the church building. Please come along – you'll be away soon after 1.00pm.

Tuesday 30 April

7.30pm in the Hall: "Spring Supper" and Raffle. Everyone welcome

Thursday 2 May

10.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 11 May

10.30am – 12.00noon Café Concert

12 – 18 May

Sunday –

Saturday

Christian Aid Week: the UK's longest-running fundraising week

Even in the face of the unspeakable suffering of the world, we are given the hope of another possible world; a world that is free from extreme poverty and suffering.

From Christian Aid's message for Easter Day

Events in and around St Chad's

All week

House-to-house collection – details next week

Saturday 18 May

Big Brekkie at St Chad's: porridge and pancakes, croissants and crumpets are weapons in the fight against injustice! Offers of help to Leslie Fletcher please, planning meeting TBA.

Confirmation Preparation Mark will be running confirmation preparation classes after Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed then please have a word with him. The next confirmation service for our area is on Sunday 16 June. More about confirmation here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmation>