

The Second Sunday of Easter: April 27th, 2025

President:

The Revd Jane Walker

Preacher:

The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

OPENING HYMN: 121 (Hymnbook)

OFFERTORY HYMN: 103 (Hymnbook)

FINAL HYMN:

**Rejoice and be glad, the Redeemer has come
– go look on his cradle, his cross,
and his tomb.**

*Sound his praises, tell the story,
Of him who was slain;
Sound his praises, tell with gladness,
He liveth again.*

**Rejoice and be glad! It is sunshine at last!
The clouds have departed,
the shadows are past.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
For the Lamb that was slain
O'er death is triumphant, and liveth again.**

During communion:

He is risen, he is risen
Tell it with a joyful voice.

He has burst his three day prison
Let the whole wide world rejoice.
Death is conquered we are free –
Christ has won the victory.

Come ye sad and fearful hearted
With glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
All his woes are over now.
And the Passion that he bore
Sin and pain can vex no more,

Come with high and holy hymning
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple East,
Brighter far our Easter feast.

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READINGS AND PRAYERS

FIRST READING: Acts 5.27-32

When they had summoned the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

PSALM 150 (sung by the choir)

O praise God in his holiness;
Praise him in the firmament of his power;
Praise him in his noble acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness;
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet;
Praise him upon the lute and harp:
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Let everything that hath breath
praise the Lord.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1.4-end

GOSPEL READING: John 20.19-end

"I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one, I was dead and behold I am alive for ever more."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

Notices and Information for this week

Please take this sheet home with you.

Monday 28 th	St George	1930 Eucharist
Tuesday 29 th	St Mark the Evangelist	1930 PCC Meeting
Wednesday 30 th		1000 Experience Easter (with pupils from St James' School)
Thursday May 1st	SS Philip and James	1930 Eucharist
Saturday May 3 rd		1000 Foodbank
Sunday May 4 th		1000 Sung Eucharist for Easter 3

The Sketchbook Show

On the piano, you will find a set of small sketchbooks and a signing up sheet.

We have paid £2 per person for the books, as part of a local community project.



If you wish to take a book, you have from now until June 13th to fill it with either personal drawings, images you have cut out, fabric pieces, stories, poems, photos, thoughts...

Images of our local environment could be particularly interesting.

There will be an exhibition in church of all the sketchbooks produced by this community, and then another showing the books from a community in Hatherleigh, a rural seaside area in the South of England. Our books will go to their show. You can share a book with someone else if you wish!

Happy drawing, collecting and curating!

For Pope Francis:

May the God of hope go with us ev-ery day, fill-ing all our
¡Dios de la espe-ran-za, da-nos go-zo y paz! Al mundo en

Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing-ing, share our
O-re - mos por la paz, can-te - mos

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver-dad. Dios de la jus-ti-cia, mán-da-

joy with all; work-ing for a world that's new,
de tu g-mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz.

on our way, bringing light and hope to ev-ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran-za en la os-cu - ri - dad.

faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.
fi-les a ti, Se - ñor.

May the God of peace go with us, every day; filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
 Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
 working, for a world that's new, faithful, when we hear Christ's call.
 (Argentinian Folk Tune)