



20th April 2025
Easter Day

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Notices

Change of Date

The service of Wholeness and Healing, scheduled for 27th April, will be postponed to 18th May.

Advance Notice

Fr Henry will be off duty from Monday 28th April until Saturday 3rd May inclusive.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 21st April Matthew 28: 8 – 15
Public holiday. No Morning Prayer.

Tue 22nd April John 20: 11 – 18

Wed 23rd April Luke 24: 13 – 35
12.00 pm Eucharist

Thu 24th April Luke 24: 35 – 48

Fri 25th April John 21: 1 – 14
10.30 am Coffee morning
in the committee room

Sat 26th April Mark 16: 9 – 15

Next Sunday: 27th April

2nd Sunday of Easter John 20: 19 – 31
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

TODAY

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Easter Anthem

*The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
Hallelujah!*

*And did He rise?
Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead:
He rose, He burst the bars of death
and triumphed o'er the grave.*

*Then I rose.
Then first humanity triumphant
passed the crystal ports of light
and seized eternal youth.*

*Man, all immortal, hail!
Hail, heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man!
Thine's all the glory,
man's the boundless bliss.*

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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 91

Offertory hymn 47

Communion anthem

Recessional hymn 660

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Easter Anthem (by William Billings)

Thine Be the Glory

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

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.'

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

