

**The Second Sunday of Easter  
19th April 2020**

**Sentence at the Welcome:**

Let us celebrate the festival, alleluia!

With the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia!     *1 Corinthians*  
*5.8*

**The 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.**

**Reading:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, '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.'

**The response to Psalm 16 is:**

**Preserve me God, preserve me God  
I trust in you for my safety**

1. You Lord are all I have  
And you give me all I need.  
In your hands is my future  
For you Lord are all I have  
I keep you ever before me,  
Since you are near, nothing can shake me,  
For you Lord are all I have     **R.**

2. And so my heart rejoices,  
And my soul is glad within me,

For my body shall rest in safety,  
For you Lord are all I have.  
From powers of death you protect me  
And in the grave you will not leave me,  
For you Lord are all I have.     **R.**

3. The path of life you will show me  
From you delights ever flowing  
In your presence, fullness of joy.   **R.**

**Reading:** 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel: John 20.19-31**

When it was evening on 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.

**Intercessions**

**We give thanks** for the Resurrection

**We pray particularly for:** James, William, Robina Freeman, Anne Memery, Bishop Lee, Tim Tayler, Myra Wilcox, Josephine House, Derrick Sheppard, Marc Vyvyan-Jones, Arthur Brice, Benita Wallis-Langley, Peter Holmes, Mary & Dan

*On-going prayers:* Shirley Cooper, Jan Kelly, Carly Phillips, Zoe Wilcox, Vic & Edna Clark, Lionel Reeves, Betty Bennell, Alexis (aged 11), Kerry Ford

*Recently died:* Robert Jones, Marjorie Hall, John Berkeley-Hill, Canon John Rogan.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with their families

**We remember** the following, whose anniversaries of death occur this week:

Peggy Coombes, Bob Christmas, Jill Maguire, Daisy Brown.

We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

**Local Church Partners:** Westbury Methodist

**Mission:** We ask God's blessing on the Bible Society, working in over 200 countries, on a global mission to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child. "We believe that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change – for good".

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Ireland

**Bristol Diocese:** Lawrence Weston: St Peter

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.**

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**Today's service will be available live on Facebook at 10am** and will afterwards be found on the church website: [www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk](http://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk)

You may contact the Parish Office via email [office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk) or telephone, 9508644.

All Church of England buildings are now closed and **the office is closed to visitors although** collections and deliveries are still possible.

**Parish magazines and printed copies of the pew-sheet** are available Monday to Friday mornings from the parish office corridor.

If you have not already paid for your magazine please bring the correct money with you (60p each). If you are not able to come out during the current situation, please let us know and we will do our best to arrange delivery.

**Parish Magazine** - It is really important, especially at this time for us to keep producing the Parish Magazine for people to be able to read. Please do contribute even a few lines - it doesn't have to be a full article!

We'd love to hear from all ages.

Please email your contributions to [bridget.niblett@outlook.com](mailto:bridget.niblett@outlook.com) (preferred) or post them to the parish office.



Over the past few weeks I have started a pen pal scheme that involves local families in our community writing to members of our congregation who are currently in self-isolation and not having much contact with the outside world. The church felt some people would particularly benefit from some human contact in the form of a kind letter to give some hope and joy during these difficult weeks. If you receive a pen pal letter then I truly hope it lifts your spirits and reminds you that people are there for you – even if you can't see them! If you have any feedback then please email me at [familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk) or write to me via the Parish Office.

With very best wishes, Georgina  
(Church Family Worker)

Please continue to follow Government advice as we seek to reduce the spread of infection.

**Community Fair - This year has had to be cancelled.**

The date for next year has been confirmed for Saturday the 8th May 2021, all being well.

**Please note** that when the computer newsletter, Youtube and Facebook say 'subscribe' it simply means 'sign up' - it is free!

As more people are required to self isolate we would like to make contact with our Parishioners to offer any support needed.

1. If you are currently self isolating and need help please contact either Gill Howse, Phil James or the Parish Office.

2. If you would like to join the support group - either to help those who can't get out by running errands or to make phone calls to maintain contact. Contact Gill Howse, Phil James or the Parish Office

Gill Howse Tel: 01179503132, Mobile: 07840542937

Phil James Mobile: 07847490270 Email: [philjames@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philjames@blueyonder.co.uk)

We plan to broadcast a 'Night Prayer and Reflection' on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, commencing this week. This will be available on [www.facebook.com/wotchurch](https://www.facebook.com/wotchurch)

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Daily Prayer: Burghill Road

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Anselm, archbishop, teacher, 1109**

Daily Prayer: Cambridge Crescent

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Daily Prayer: Canford Crematorium

8pm Night Prayer and Reflection

(on Facebook/ Website)

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**George, martyr, patron saint of England, c 304**

Daily Prayer: Canford Park

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Daily prayer: Canford Lane

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Mark the Evangelist**

Daily prayer: Canford Road

**NEXT SUNDAY – Third Sunday of Easter**

There will be a live broadcast service at 10am on our church's Facebook page.

It will be available on our church website later in the day.