

The Third Sunday of Easter 26th April 2020

Jesus came and stood among the disciples, alleluia! Then they rejoiced when they saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!
John 20.19-20

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son 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, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

The response to **Psalm 116** is:

The Blessing Cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

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The bless - ing cup that we bless is a com - mun - ion with the blood of Christ.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;

I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

Is the death of his faithful,

Your servant, your servant Lord am I

You have loosened my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all God's people. **R.**

Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable

things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Intercessions

We give thanks for the gift of healing

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

On-going prayers: Pat Upton, John Hordern, Terry Wiltshire, John Shearing, Jess &

Richard, Michael Hammond, Stephen

Recently died: Robert Jones, Marjorie Hall, John Berkeley-Hill, John Rogan, Anthony Willis

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

John Dainty, Peter James, Gabrielle Lambert,

Shirley Ellmore, Glenn Reed, Beryl Richards, Robert Brown, Betty-Rae (infant).

We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

Local Church Partners: Holy Trinity

Mission: We pray for the companions, staff and volunteers of Emmaus Bristol who offer an alternative to homelessness and dependence that is benefiting the whole community: "Giving people a bed...and the reason to get out of it".

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
The Most Revd Michael Lewis – Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf

Bristol Diocese: The Diocese of Rwenzori, linked with Kingswood and South Glos Deanery

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Floodlighting: The Church Tower will be floodlit on Thursday 30th in memory of Phyllis Evans on the anniversary of her birth.

Christian Aid Week needs you!

Christian Aid week this year will be Sunday 10th to Saturday 16 May. We are not permitted to do any house to house collections this year, so online donations are welcome via the Christian Aid website: caweek.org/payin Alternatively please make a bank transfer to our usual church bank account with 'Christian Aid' as the reference.

Condolences: We were saddened to learn of Canon John Rogan's death last week. He has been a much loved and valued member of our clergy team for several years, has taught us history expertly with a twinkle in his eye, and has provided a modicum of gentle support to many of us. He will be greatly missed, especially by the Friday and the Sunday 12 o'clock congregations for whom he regularly conducted services. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. His funeral has yet to be arranged; a memorial service is planned for later in the year.

John Berkeley-Hill's funeral has been arranged for 4th May at 2.15pm.

The funeral of Marjorie Hall will be on 6th May at 2.15pm. We will be especially thinking of Eve Berkeley-Hill and Judith Graham and their families on these occasions, particularly as funerals are currently very limited in numbers and not permitted in church.

We were told this week that Anthony Willis died at the end of March; the funeral has happened already. (He was husband to Dorothy Willis who was part of Mothers' Union for years and who died in 2017). Our condolences to his family.

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

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

We plan to broadcast a 'Night Prayer and Reflection' on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. This will be available on www.facebook.com/wotchurch

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

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
The Parish Office is open, weekday mornings only. Please make contact by email office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk or telephone, 9508644.

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 arrange delivery.

If you or someone you know would like a printed paper copy of Sunday sermons and Night Prayer reflections, please contact the Parish Office to be added to our regular mailing.

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 (preferred) or post them to the parish office.

As a result of the appeal put out by Bristol North West Food Bank for tinned fruit, 30kgs worth was donated. The manager sends her thanks. Donations may be brought to the parish office corridor.

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.

If you are wondering what to do with your regular giving envelopes, or giving generally, any of the following work:

- Save them up till we are back to Church
- Drop them in to the Office
- Bank transfer, envelope number would be useful but not essential.

Register with Parish Giving Scheme. They are not dealing with post but can now do set up by phone, you need to request a callback online. The website is

<https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/>

and when speaking to them our details are as follows:

Parish: Westbury on Trym Holy Trinity
Diocese: Bristol
Parish Ref: 050605122

Alternatively, please contact our Treasurer, Gill Carter, Tel: 9624926.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 27th April

Daily Prayer: Carriage Drive
7.30pm Standing Committee (on Zoom)

TUESDAY 28th April

Daily Prayer: Channells Hill
12.45pm Funeral of Robert Jones at Canford Crematorium

WEDNESDAY 29th April

Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380
Daily Prayer: Chapel Gardens
8pm Night Prayer and Reflection (Facebook/ Website)

THURSDAY 30th April

Daily Prayer: Charlecombe Court

FRIDAY 1st May

Daily prayer: Charlecombe Road

SATURDAY 2nd May

Daily prayer: Charlton Road

NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth 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.