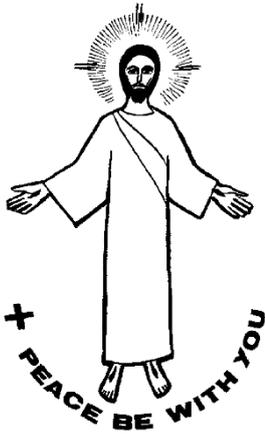


The United Benefice of St Michael on Greenhill, Lichfield
with St John, Wall



COLLECT AND READINGS
19th April
2nd Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

New Testament Reading Acts 2.14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

²² '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— ²³ 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. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ 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;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹ '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. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Gospel Reading John 20.19- end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.'

²⁶ 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.' ²⁷ 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.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ 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.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

Sunday Sermon

The link for the Sunday sermon is

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/sunday-sermons.html>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Anthony Staples aged 6, Caroline Green, Colin Eastwood, Yvonne Harper, Jeyan Anketell, Ian and Judith Watson, Alison Cox-Toplis

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Julian & Wendy, Jamie, Gary and Denise, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield

Those who have died

Paul Clarke, Beryl Russell, Edwin Brookhouse

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Christine Gilbert, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

You can text prayer requests to 07388 529020

Prayer Resources

We have produced a booklet of resources for prayer at home which contains a short act of worship that you can use. This can be found here along with other resources for prayer: <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-at-home.html>

In preparation for each Sunday we will email out and post on the website the Collect and Readings for the day. If possible, please join us in using the short act of worship and the readings at 10.00am which is our usual service time on a Sunday. There will also be a short sermon video available on the website on the 'Resources for Prayer at Home' page.

The Royal School of Church Music are putting a *Hymn of the Day* on their website as well as a service with readings and hymns. There is a link on our website on our resources for prayer page.

Here is a link to the Diocese of Lichfield facebook page where videos of daily prayers from the cathedral will be posted <https://www.facebook.com/LichfieldCofE/>

Bible Study

On Wednesday 22nd April we will begin the first of our Easter season Bible studies on the theme: ***Living our Easter Faith***. There are full instructions as to how to join in on our notice sheet and the Bible text and questions can be found here

The Rector, Simon Baker

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