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 **of St. Peter, Chorley**

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 **Sunday 26th April 2020:**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Eucharist Services** – I will continue uploading videos to Facebook and You Tube of our two regular weekly services of Holy Communion, Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00am.

**Recently Departed: Allan Newman & Derek Penny**

Please pray for the family and all their friends. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**Collects & Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter**

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.**

**New Testament:** **Acts. 2:14a, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost, 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.

**New Testament: 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:** **John 20.19-31**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' 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?” He 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 him.” 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 him; 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.

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

**St Peter’s Primary school**

Our school remains open to support vulnerable children and for those children whose parents are Key workers in our community. Keep in your prayers members of the Senior Leadership team and others who are going in to provide for these families.

**Funeral arrangements: Important Notice**

The church has decided **not to charge fees for funerals** at Crematoria or at the graveside from Tuesday 14th April until the end of May, when the decision will be reviewed. I heartily and fully endorse this decision because as priests, we are currently unable to offer a proper church service, or any pastoral care or visits and mourners are restricted to immediate family only.

**Prayer list for Anniversaries of the Departed**

(Thurs – Wed, all remembered with love and affection)

April 24 Patricia Margaret Cheetham

April 25 Fanny Gaskell, Emily Holden,

 William Burgess

April 26 Fred Taylor, Duncan Hitchen

April 27 Bertha Bamber, Darren Woods

April 28 John Meadows

April 29 Gilbert Heywood, Lily Widdows

Cicely Brown

**Important info on Church income:**

Those of you who contribute to our church income may be wondering how to continue doing so. The best way is by Standing Order. If you are part of the envelope scheme, please consider changing to Standing Order. If that is not possible and you prefer to keep using envelopes, please keep filling them weekly and we will arrange to collect them from you at some point.

**Standing Order details:**

Bank name: RBS

Account name: St Peter’s PCC General

Sort Code: 160039

Account No. 41307964

If you have any difficulty or queries, our Treasurer, Geoff Parkinson will be happy to assist (details below) or contact your own bank for instructions.

**Worship while church is closed:** If you have internet access, you can follow this link and download some of the Church of England Common Prayer apps.

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps>

or, join in with free daily prayer resources: -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

**Please remember the following in your private prayers:**

*The families and friends of**anyone who have passed away due to the Coronavirus pandemic…*

*Our elderly, sick and vulnerable…*

*Our children…Our National Health Service and all frontline key workers in Retail and elsewhere putting themselves at risk…*

*Those in power, for wisdom and compassion…*

*The church of God and its people…*

*Ourselves…that we may keep faith and be kind to one another.*

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*Bible Quiz! (answer next week...no Googling!)*

1. Who was the son of Nun?
2. Name all Jacob’s sons (clue there were 12!)
3. Which only miracle of Jesus is recorded in all four gospels?
4. Where is the shortest verse in the Bible?
5. Which book of the bible begins: “In the first book, Theophilus…”
6. Whicjh Jewish religious leader visited Jesus at night?
7. True or false? There is only one reference to Jesus meeting Paul in the bible.
8. Who did God ask to build the Ark?
9. How big was the Ark?
10. Jesus first miracle was ..where and what?

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