

St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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12th April

**The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday and Weekday Service**

Welcome!

The Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Hymns

402 Jesus stand among us

494 Loves redeeming work is done

90 Broken for me

798 We have a gospel to proclaim

First Reading, Acts 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, 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.'

Second 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-end

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.' 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.

Post Communion

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.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Archdeacon Pete. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: St Michael, Aughton, St Michael CE Primary School, St Andrew Crabtree, St Cyprian's Hoscar, Bridge St John, Burscough, St John's School, St Michael and All Angels, Dalton, Christ the Servant, Digmaor, St Michael C of E Primary, Oaks, Dalton, Roby Mill School, Chapel St John, Lathom Park, Lathom Park School, St Thomas, Lydiate and Downholland, Haskayne, St Thomas School.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff.

The recently departed: Elsie Joyce Doyle.

For the departed remembered at this time: Julia Acton, Agnes Gillet, Henry Parry, Joseph Jesse, Wilfred Parker, Florence Parker, Robert Doherty, William Appleton, Harold Pardoe, Jenny Pardoe.

Notices

We are very pleased to announce that Iona Morphet will be joining the United Benefice of St Mary's, Waterloo, and St Faith's, Crosby, to undertake her curacy here in the Diocese of Liverpool!

Iona says:

"I'm very excited to be joining St Faith's and St Mary's as Assistant Curate after my ordination as deacon on 28th June. Before training for ordination, I studied classics and theology at Cambridge and then worked as a Pastoral Assistant in churches in Cambridge and Brighton. I am looking forward to being back in the glorious North West, having grown up not too far away in Cheshire! In my spare time, I am a keen linocut printmaker, textiles crafter and wild swimmer."

Please do keep Iona and our parish communities in your prayers, as we look towards the ordination service, her continuing journey of training

and formation, and her ministry with and amongst us here in the benefice. 'We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.' (*Romans 8.28*).

Events in our Deanery:

Free English lessons at St Matthew's Church, Bootle every Tuesday 3pm to 5pm, starting on **Tuesday 14th April**. Contact improveyouenglish2026@outlook.com for information.

Saturday 9th May, 10:30am to 12:30pm: St. Faith's Church Hall. 'Brew and Bake' to Combat Stress. (Organised by the forces prayer group).

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Easter	Peter Walker Peter Cowley
Monday, 4:00pm Evening Prayer	Louis Johnson
Wednesday, 10:30am Eucharist	Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Third Sunday of Easter	Louis Johnson

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SEFTON NORTH AND SOUTH UPDATE BULLETIN



April 2026

- A **buildings information session** has been scheduled for **April 18th, 10am at St Oswald's Church**. This will be run by buildings strategy manager Craig Walker, and is an opportunity to **learn more about the Right Buildings process** and ask any questions. Information sessions on communications and Cultivate will be announced soon!
- **Helen MacKenzie has begun to meet with the churchwardens**, with the next meeting taking place on **May 21st at St Oswald's**. These meetings allow Helen to engage with the churchwardens and support their work. All **churchwardens are welcome to attend!**
- A **joint worship event** will be taking place at St Faith's Church, Crosby Road North on **Sunday 26th April at 4pm**. This is a space for congregations across the Larger Single Parish to **come together in worship** and all are warmly invited.

Have any questions?

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