

# ✠ 3rd Sunday of Easter ✠

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 19th April 2026

### 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.**

### FIRST READING

*(Acts 2:14a, 36-41)*

A reading from the book of Acts:

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.' When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.' With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING:

*(1 Peter 1.17-23)*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

*(Luke 24.13-35)*

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Risen Lord, as you made yourself known to your disciples in the breaking of bread, receive these gifts, and make us your witnesses in the world.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**



# BLACKBURN DIOCESE CENTENARY

## ✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

NOTICES FOR 19th APRIL 2026

WELCOME – ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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**WE WELCOME OUR ARCHDEACON JANE ATKINSON**  
– as she Presides and preaches at our 9:30am Eucharist service this morning.

**APM & APCM** – (Annual Parochial, & Annual Parochial Church Meetings.) This is just a reminder that these will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at All Saints' Primary School starting at 7:30pm. During the meetings we need to elect the Churchwardens for the parish, in our case we need to elect a total of four, two for each of our parish churches. We also have electable positions available for four PCC Members and three Deanery Synod Representatives. Nominations forms are available at the back of church for anyone interested in seeking election to any of these positions, noting certain eligibility criteria must be met.

**MOTHERS UNION DEANERY QUIET DAY** – members are invited to come along to St George's church this Saturday, the 25th April; 10:00am-12:noon, with refreshments afterwards. Please aim to arrive 15 mins early. (Hosted by our branch and led by our Deanery Chaplain, Rev Peter Smith.)

**CONFIRMATION 2026** – the confirmation service is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm, at All Saints'. Classes start after half-term. Fr Jordan will contact all candidates with more details.

**ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE** - join us on Sunday 26th April @ 9:30am as both congregations celebrate our Patronal Festival of St George (no 11:00am service at All Saints') followed by fellowship and lunch. Bring food to share, drinks will be provided. Please sign the list at the back of church for seating purposes. Thank you.

**MORNING PRAYER** – continues every Friday at 9:15am in the side chapel. All are welcome.

**MOTHERS' UNION** - on 9th May St. George's & All Saints' MU are holding a 'Craft Fair' celebrating the 150th Anniversary Challenge given to all our branches. If you are a 'crafter' and wish to sell your wares: table tops cost £10. St. George's Church Hall is the venue, coffee and homemade cake for a small charge, 10 - 2. (Enquiries to Joanne Salisbury, (tel: 07974 451740) Entry to the event is free.

### Our hymns this morning:

Processional **580** Rejoice, the Lord is King  
Gradual **716** We have a gospel to proclaim  
Offertory **205** Glorious things of thee are spoken  
Communion **Choir: Vaughan Williams – O taste and see**  
**680** This joyful Eastertide  
**532** Open our eyes, Lord x2  
Post Comm **305** I danced in the morning

**BIG DAY OUT** - Celebrating 100 years of Blackburn Diocese with a party in Blackpool! Saturday 16 May. All welcome - free of charge! Follow the link, or visit Blackburn Diocese website. <https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/events/1219/the-big-day-out-in-blackpool>

**FURNESS ABBEY TRIP** - by minibus on Saturday 27th June. The magnificent Abbey ruins are well worth visiting and the return journey will include a visit to Morecambe for a couple of hours, time for Fish and Chips or just a stroll and some fresh sea air. The cost will be approximately £15 - £20, (depending on fuel prices at the time) which includes entrance to the Abbey ruins. Departing 09.00 from Church Hall Car park, return 20.00 - 21.00. A £10 deposit is required. See Graham Dickinson (choir member) for details and to book.

**THE MESSENGER: MAY EDITION** - Today is the deadline for material for the May edition of The Messenger. Contributions please to [acvgibson@outlook.com](mailto:acvgibson@outlook.com) or to Chris Gibson.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*** Next Sunday is the patronal festival for St George's Church. **PLEASE NOTE!** The usual 11:00am service at All Saints' is **CANCELLED!** Everyone from All Saints' are welcome and encouraged to attend St George's instead at 9:30am.

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Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank, Jonathan Yates, Margaret Salisbury, Simon Newell, Dorothy Treadwell, Marjorie Baxendale, Audrey Clark**

The recently departed:

**Peter Elkins, David Guest**

Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:

**William Barrett, Keith Catterall, Dorothy Gardiner, Vera German, Raymond Beaman, Brian Addison**



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