ST MARY'S
CUDDINGTON

Pew Sheet for 12th April 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services

2nd Sunday after Easter

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

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:

CP137	Alleluia, alleluia! Heart to Heaven
CP174	Breathe on me, breath of God
CP150	Love's redeeming work is done
EWS148	Purify my heart
CP455	Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings

Acts 2 14a, 22-32

But **Peter**, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

"Fellow Israelites, 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 released him from the agony of 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.

John 20 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post-communion prayer:

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SATURDAY 11th APRIL - 10.30am to 2pm Marriage Preparation Course for two wedding couples at St Marys

SUNDAY 12th APRIL - 6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's sung by The Ripieno Choir. Includes Stanford *Canticles* and Walton *Jubilate Deo*. All are welcome.

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 7.30pm Knit & Natter in the Leverton Room.

THURSDAY 16th APRIL - AFTERNOON GROUP meet at 2.30pm in the Hall. Joshua, our vicar plans talk about his fascinating life and the many places in which he has worked. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

SATURDAY 18th APRIL - WOMEN'S GROUP guest speaker is David Rymill who will talk to us about his work as archivist for Highclere Castle. Coffee and cake at 10am and finish by 12 noon, so do come and join us for a very interesting talk.

SUNDAY 19th APRIL - 9.30am - Interviewing Street Pastors

SUNDAY 19th APRIL - 6pm a special evening for young people +Adults in the Hall with music by Dan and Stephen and a talk on rare birds in our area by Kim Spicket - All are invited and invite a young person for this special gathering.

SUNDAY 3rd MAY - 9.30 am USPG Director for Mission - Canon Revd Dr Peniel Rufus R - will speak about the United Society for Promoting Gospel – Church of England Mission agency around the world.

THURSDAY 14th MAY - 8.00pm Ascension Day Service

SATURDAY 16th MAY - PUB SINGALONG EVENING in the Church Hall.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY - ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS will be held after 9.30am service. During this, elections will take place for PCC members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, or you can think of someone who would be a perfect fit for them, there are nomination forms at the back of the Church, with a box for completed forms.