

Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

12th April 2026



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.

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.

Contact details

Priest in Charge Rev Alex French revajwfrench@gmail.com 07508564392

Safeguarding Officer Mrs S Odedina-Barton sholaodedina58@gmail.com

If you would like to receive these notices electronically, please email Rev Alex.

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Jeanne

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

1 Peter 1: 3-9 Jacqui

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20: 19-end

Fr Alex

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be

with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Processional	All hail the power of Jesus' name	16
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	O for a thousand tongues	485
Offertory	Be thou my vision	70
Communion	The strife is o'er the battle done	667
Recessional	Crown him with many crowns	137

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

Compline will return on Wednesday the **15th April 2026**. The Zoom details will remain the same which are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Funeral of Beryl Roberts

Thank you to everyone who helped with Beryl's funeral on Thursday.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – APCM

Please note that our APCM will take place on Sunday 17th May after the morning's service. The report will be available in due course.

Church tidy up

Could you spare half an hour after the service on the 31st May to help tidy up the scullery and sacristy. Bin bags will be provided. Please let Jeanne or Phil know.

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Inspire our hearts gracious Lord to be rooted in your Kingdom as we discuss and make decisions around possible lease terms to the Community Benefit Society. May the goodness and values of your kingdom be reflected in all that we work towards.

Saint Benedict's church

Enable us merciful Lord to appoint to all the necessary PCC positions at our forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Continue your work amongst us loving Lord so that we may be known as people who dwell in the truth that love has triumphed over death. May the light from the empty tomb dispel all gloom filling our hearts with Easter hope.

Saint Mary's church

Thank you for all the blessings we have been given, make us humble and grateful for all we have received, by the death and resurrection of your Son, who came to take away our sins.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman, Kevin, Lauren, Paul, Ken Long, Alan Carter, Tommy Williams, Ronald Allen and Pat.

We remember those who have died in faith... Lillian, Clarice Allen, Jayne Carter, Beryl Roberts **and for those whose years mind is in April...** Alfred Saunders, Jack Fern, Herbert Morris, Lena Macdonald, Emma Shaw, Sandra Sargent and Mark Taylor.