

SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2026
(Second Sunday of Easter, Lectionary Year A)

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. Amen

PSALM 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I
taken refuge; I have said to the Lord, 'You
are my lord, all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are
in the land, upon those who are noble in
heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run
after, their drink offerings of blood I will
not offer, neither make mention of their
names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my
cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I
have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me
counsel, and in the night watches he
instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; he
is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit
rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to
Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see
the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; in your
presence is the fullness of joy and in your
right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ACTS 2:14a, 22-32

(A reading from the Acts of the Apostles)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his
voice and addressed them,
"Fellow 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 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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

*(Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John)*

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.

(This is the Gospel of the Lord)

THE 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. Amen

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 12th April 2026

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP for SUNDAY 19th APRIL – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Boylestone Holy Communion

9.30am Hatton Morning Worship

11.00am St Mary, Hilton with Marston on Dove Holy Communion

READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-7; Luke 24:13-35

EVENTS AND SERVICES FOR WEEK OF THE 12th APRIL

- Monday 6.00pm: Hatton PCC Meeting
- Tuesday 1.15pm: Little Saints, All Saints' Hatton
- Tuesday 5.30pm: Dove Club, All Saints' Hatton
- Wednesday 9.30am: Morning Prayer at All Saints' Hatton
- Wednesday 7.30pm: G&P Team Meeting
- Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm: Hub Community Café, at All Saints' Jubilee Hall, Station Road, Hatton

APPLETREE CHURCHES MORNING PRAYER

Zoom morning prayer will usually be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8am. On Wednesdays Morning Prayer will be held at All Saints Church, Hatton at 9.30am. Once a month at 9.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion.

The Zoom link for Morning Prayer can be found in the Teamup entry, or contact Vickie for the link. If you would like help with setting up Zoom for Morning Prayer, please also contact Vickie: vickie@appletreechurches.org / 07977 067 585.

All are welcome.

ELECTORAL ROLL

It is the time of year for the Church Electoral Roll to be updated.

Being on the Church of England electoral roll allows you to vote on church matters and attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It is a sign of commitment and is a means for you to help shape the church's future.

Notices will be posted on Church doors, and/or notice boards giving information about this and new application forms will be available in church.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like to know if you are eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll, please talk to your Electoral Roll Officer, or your Churchwarden.

Electoral Roll officers are:

Boylestone: Jill Cantrill

Church Broughton: Sue Smith

Hatton: Alison Mottram

Hilton with Marston on Dove: Elaine Root

Churchwardens are:

Boylestone: Janet Beloe and Pauline Hill

Church Broughton: Rita Shanks

Hatton: Lindsey Ashenden

Hilton with Marston on Dove: Vickie Melling

EASTER EVENTS AND PHOTOS

The following are some photos of the churches and events over Holy Week and Easter. If you have others you would like to share, send them to the Office.

Boylestone Church



St Mary's Church



Garden of Gethsemane
Maundy Thursday meal
and Meditation



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Laura Susan Wigg-Bailey and Daniel James Crawford both of the Parish of Hatton.

Laura and Daniel are to be married at St Michaels Church, Rocester on 23rd May 2026. Please pray for Laura and Daniel in all their preparation.

VISITING PARISHIONERS

Do you know anyone who would like a visit from Rev Ed? If yes, please can you let Rev Ed know. Ed's contact details are at the top of the page.