



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Low Sunday
12 April 2026



Today's Gospel tells how Jesus appeared to his friends, commissioning them to spread his message of forgiveness and peace, and of Thomas' doubt and how he was convinced by Jesus' later appearance, uttering his confession, *My Lord and my God*.

205 Jesus Christ is risen today
198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
430 Bread of heaven on thee we feed
217 The strife is o'er

Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus until Pentecost

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that aided his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Welcome to Saint Paul's. This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book. A collection will be taken during the second hymn.

Many thanks to all whose hard work contributed to our Holy Week and Easter services, especially our special choir. A blessed Easter to all!

This week at Saint Paul's:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.
Confirmation Classes, Thursday, 4.00pm at the
Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am. [Vicarage]

Father Paul will be taking some time off this week. The Wednesday Eucharist will be celebrated by Father James Walton, and next Sunday's by Father John Oakes.

Upcoming events: *Lichfield Forward in Faith Summer Meeting and AGM*, Tuesday 5 May at 7.00pm at Saint Paul's – speaker, Fr Mark McIntyre on recent developments at the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham; *PCC*, Thursday 15 May, 6.30pm at the Vicarage; *Annual Parish Meeting*, Sunday 24 May after the 10.00am Mass.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Tina Evans, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Ethan, Nikki; for the recently departed: Ann May; and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Pamela Clay, Kathleen Withers, Barbara Prosser, Jean Butler, John Rafferty, Peter Webster, Jennifer Burrows, Sheldon Pountney.

Saint Paul's, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 0211540, Sort code 30-99-83.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Second Week of Easter

Monday Easter weekday	Acts 4.23-31 John 3.1-8
Tuesday Easter weekday	Acts 4.32-end John 3.7-15
Wednesday Easter weekday	Acts 5.17-26 John 3.16-21
Thursday Easter weekday	Acts 5.27-33 John 3.31-end
Friday Easter weekday	Acts 5.34-42 John 6.1-15
Saturday Easter weekday	Acts 6.1-7 John 6.16-21
Next Sunday Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14 & 22-33; 1 Peter 1.17-21 Luke 24.13-35