



Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome
Diocese of Bath and Wells

Sunday 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 2.14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are 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 freed him from 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.

Psalm 16

Preserve ' me O ' God : for in thee ' have I' put my ' trust.

2 O my soul thou hast said' unto the' Lord : Thou art my God, my goods are ' nothing ' unto ' thee.

3 All my delight is upon the saints that are' in the' earth : and upon' such as ex'cel in ' virtue.

4 But they that run after an'other ' god : shall' have ' great' trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will 'I not' offer : neither make mention of their ' names with'in my' lips.

6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and' of my ' cup : thou' shalt main'tain my ' lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a' fair'ground : yea I'have a'goodly ' heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for ' giving me ' warning : my reins also chasten me ' in the' night'season.

9 I have set God ' always be'fore me : for he is on my right hand' therefore I' shall not' fall.

10 Wherefore my heart was glad and my'glory re'joiced : my flesh' also shall' rest in ' hope.

11 For why ?, thou shalt not leave my ' soul in ' hell : neither shalt thou suffer thy ' Holy One to' see corruption.

12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life, in thy presence is the' fulness of 'joy : and at thy right hand there is ' pleasure for' ever'more.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of

your faith-being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked 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, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come 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.

Prayers for those in need: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Jane, Wai Ping, Marri Carmichael, Janet Dudley, Jean Gill

RIP Marion Taylor, Hilary Daniel

Years Mind for April: Sharon Garland, John Haskins, Les Ellison, Samuel Stephenson, Robin Young, Sheila Hazel, Margaret Carpenter, Shirley Wheeler

Glorious Baroque – a gala concert at Christ Church in aid of the Christ Church Future Appeal. Fizz and canapes from 6pm and music from 7pm. Our plans have gone for approval this week and we are beginning to fundraise with a renewed sense of purpose. Tickets for this glorious concert are available now <https://buytickets.at/christchurchfrome1/2123359>

The week ahead

Mon 13 th	2.30pm	Christ Church Future at the Vicarage
Tues 14 th	6.30pm	Contemplative Prayer at St. Mary's Hall
Wed 15 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Marys
Thurs 16 th	12.00pm	Memory Lane Service at St. Mary's
	2.30pm	Open the Book rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 17 th	4.00pm	Coat of Hopes arriving at St. Mary's
Sat 18 th	10.00am	Coffee morning at St. Mary's

Services Next Week: 19th April

8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

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