

**PRAYERS:** For your prayers this week.

**Vocations and ministry:**

In this season of APCMs we pray for all PCC members, we give thanks for their service over the last year and pray for those who have agreed to continue in this role for the next year. We pray for anyone who may be considering joining their PCC.

**The sick:**

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

**Those who have died:**

We pray for all those who grieve.

**Weddings:**

We pray for Kim Maffey and Jonathan Beechy whose banns have been called this month.

**Special intentions** *(This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support)*

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we continue to pray for churches in the Blackmore Vale Deanery. O Lord, we ask for your blessing upon Gillingham, Milton on Stour and Silton, the ministry of the clergy and all those who worship there.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We pray for the person(s) who may feel called to this post.

We give thanks for those helping at this time.



12<sup>th</sup> April  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



**Bradenstoke** Communion - 10.30am

*Future services:*

Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b>	Communion - 9am
	<b>Lyneham</b>	Communion - 10.30am
	<b>Tockenham</b>	Morning Prayer - 10.30am
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Bradenstoke</b>	Communion - 9am
	<b>Lyneham</b>	Communion - 10.30am
	<b>Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.  
Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added.

## 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

On the day of Pentecost, <sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>22</sup>'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 – <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>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;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

## GOSPEL: John 20.19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on 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.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.'

<sup>26</sup>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.' <sup>27</sup>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.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>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.'

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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

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.