

Please remember in your prayers

Those with health concerns: Heather Guerke, Robert Saunders, Bill Collins, Beryl Shaw, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine Frost, Ian Massey and Lowen Castaignos.

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Grace Hindley, Frieda Chester, Helen Smithies, Annie Bancroft, Terry Carter, Jack Webster, Ernest Gibbins, Thomas Rawlinson and James Hugill

Also for all who live in Chapel Lane



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Today's hymns are...

24 Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Based on Paul's letter to the Galatians, Donald Fishel's composition and lyrics, completed in 1971, refers to the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life and calls us to spread the good news.

103 Crown him with many crowns

Rev Godfrey Thring wrote this hymn in the 19th century. He succeeded his father as rector of Alford in Somerset, served the parish for 35 years and compiled three books featuring songs of praise.

280 Jesus stand among us

This hymn, written by Rev William Pennefather and popularised by Graham Kendrick as a song in 1977, is inspired by John 20:19 where Jesus appears to His disciples after his resurrection, and Matthew 18:20 that where two or three are gathered to together in his name He is present.

56 Be thou my vision

This is one of our oldest hymns, originating possibly in the sixth century in Ireland. Its meaningful words were translated from the Gallic by Mary Berry and Eleanor Hull.

Acts 2 14a,22-32

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 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. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

John 20 19-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John Glory to you O Lord

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. This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, O Christ