

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S

SUNDAY 19th April 2020 The Second Sunday of Easter

There are no public services at the moment. Do make time for your own prayers. Remember that although you may be isolated, no Christian is ever alone.

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Locked doors concealing a nervous isolating group of disciples are no barrier to the risen Christ. It's something we would do well to remember at this time: that nothing can contain or limit the resurrection as we shall see in our readings in the coming weeks.

There is no doubt that many of you reading this sorely missed being in church on Easter Day a week ago. It is the most important festival in the calendar of the church, and a day when our praises to God rightly sound out together as we sing the great Easter hymns of praise and proclaim the resurrection with multiple "alleluias". Therefore Easter Day 2020 will likely be long remembered as one of the most extraordinary ever. Maybe you found that your alleluias seemed a bit lacklustre this year and somehow didn't quite seem to fit the mood. Maybe Easter Day at lunchtime didn't seem the normal feast it ever does (although my sons' appetites for chocolate did not diminish).

I have found myself reflecting recently how everything is different and yet ... nothing has changed. The resurrection of Jesus is still the great mystery we proclaim and hold dear. Christ is risen from the tomb and he comes and breathes his spirit on us just as surely the risen Christ came to strengthen and reassure his disciples. Jesus came to them, and especially to Thomas, in their time of fear and doubt.



As Christians we must not be afraid of closed or locked doors. It could be that they provide an opportunity for us to reach out as so many people in our community are doing in creative and committed ways. Closed or locked doors could also be opportunity for the Spirit of God to reach into us in new and surprising ways.

With my prayers for you all,

Fr Simon

A prayer for carers and researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Online: If you're online you can find the "Parish of Great Yarmouth" on YouTube. We'll also do live streaming on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GtYarMinster. You don't have to be signed up to Facebook to view these.

Salvation Army Foodbank needs appropriate food or cash donations: 1-3pm, Mondays & Tuesdays or call 01493 858069.

Contact During Coronavirus: Ministry Team are trying to be in touch with church members. If you, or someone you know, is in need please do make contact through the Parish Office: there are volunteers who can help people. If you have prayer requests email or phone the parish office.

Regular Giving with no weekly collection plate our income is much decreased. If you wish to set up a regular payment or make a one-off gift, the PCC sort code is 20-99-21 and account number 60425850. Thank you.

Magazine: The May magazine will be available during the wc 27.04.2020. It will be available via email / online. Some paper copies will be available too.

Weekly Bulletin: This bulletin is emailed every Saturday. Contact Parish Office to be added to our circulation.

PARISH PRAYER LIST *If anyone wants someone prayed for, ask any of the Ministry Team or the parish office.*

Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Wendy, Susan, David. Pray for those ill with Coronavirus, for our local hospitals and healthcare workers. Pray for our local hospital chaplains. Pray for Foodbank, Pathway and other agencies supporting the vulnerable at this time. Remember before God the recently departed: Rita Cunningham. Keith Robert Hall. Keith McCullev.

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

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or second reading.

Acts 2:14a. 22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing
with the eleven, raised his voice and
addressed the crowd, "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."

Or **Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21**



PSALM Psalm 16

R *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall
not fall.*

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."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in
the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

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.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given me
counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my
heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit
rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
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. **R**

SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter

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.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 22-32** (as above)

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

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." 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

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.