

## THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

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

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter

Services as follows: Facebook at 10am and 11am in the Minster.

Evening Prayer on Facebook / YouTube Thursday at 7pm.

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This week's reading from Acts tells us about the start of Christian community - the first disciples who have witnessed Christ's resurrection, and then his ascension have been given the gift of God's Holy Spirit - and have started to tell others about Jesus the Messiah... Whilst they are going out to pray to God and tell their fellow Jewish people about who Jesus is, they are also healing people in his name. And eventually it starts to get them



into trouble with the council and with the state leaders... but they pray for courage... and God renews their boldness with more of the Holy Spirit... and then we read that they all shared what they had to care for one another's needs 'there was not a needy person among them'... no-one was hungry and unfed, no-one homeless, no-one without a set of warm clothes, no one uncared for.

It takes courage to speak truthfully about your faith, courage to do things differently and courage to share what you have rather than store up for yourself... and the first Christians did not do any of it in their own strength... but in the power of God's Holy Spirit... which he still promises to all of us today! When did you last ask God in prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit? We need that help from God every day to live as disciples of Christ... so don't be shy about asking for the Holy Spirit... 'Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire!'

Revd Jemma Sander-Heys

## NOTICES

**Minster Opening times** from this week the Minster will be open Monday – Sunday (excluding Wednesday), from 10am-12noon for private prayer. Please follow distancing guidelines.

Sunday Eucharist at 11am in the Minster, along with an online service at 10am. Wednesday Eucharist this week is 10.15am at St. Mary's. If you wish to volunteer to help keep the Minster open, please contact the Parish Office.

**Confirmation Service** has been arranged for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If you are considering being confirmed, please speak to a member of the clergy.

**Pathway Volunteers** – if anyone is interested in volunteering at Pathway, please contact Jennifer King:07723 120850. Pathway opens Mon, Wed & Fri serving a lunch. Any amount of time you can offer may help.

**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: <https://www.facebook.com/GtYarMinster> . You don't have to be signed up to Facebook to view these.

**Regular Giving** To set up a regular payment or make a one-off gift, account name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Yarmouth, sort code 20-99-21 and account number 60425850. Thank you.

**Parish Magazine:** The April magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: [pat.stringer1@sky.com](mailto:pat.stringer1@sky.com)

**PARISH PRAYER LIST** If anyone wants someone prayed for please ask. 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: Brenda, David, Wally, Claire, Nancy, Emma, Peter, John, Rachel, Stephen. Remember before God the recently departed Doris Wilson, Linda Wilson, Dean Madison, Bernice Smith, Michael Buckland. Pray for St Nicholas Priory School: head teacher Maria Grimmer. Pray for all staff at James Paget Hospital and all those who work to care for others during the pandemic.

## 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 read as either the First or Second Reading.

### Either Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

## PSALM Psalm 133

R *Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed  
each other.*



Behold how good and pleasant it is  
to dwell together in unity.  
It is like the precious oil upon the  
head,  
running down upon the beard,  
Even on Aaron's beard,  
running down upon the collar of his  
clothing. R

It is like the dew of Hermon  
running down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has promised his  
blessing:  
even life for evermore. R

## SECOND READING (Alternative readings)

Either 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Or Acts 4:32-35

## GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

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.

