

**THE PARISH OF CHIDHAM****April 19th, 2020****Second Sunday of Easter**

The Weekly Pew Slip

There will be no Church services until further notice
(Coronavirus precautions)

St Mary's will also be shut and locked for the time being.
We hope you would like to follow the weekly prayers and Bible readings

Hymns: Here are some links to some hymns for today

32 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKqBY5Hsfik>

613 Peace is flowing like a river

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-peace-is-flowing/zr2nhbk>

52 At the name of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4d4UXSJXig>

62 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV9wUIZJFAA>

All church meetings and events are cancelled unless you hear to the contrary

The Foodbank

At this stressful time, the local foodbank especially needs your donations. You can make a donation at <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/> Alternatively, if you would like to give food, they particularly need Tinned Vegetables, Instant Mash/tinned Potatoes, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding/custard, Cleaning Products, Toilet Rolls.

Please leave your donations at your Supermarket - Waitrose, Tesco, Sainsbury's have facilities.

Keeping gravestones tidy.

Denise Bowerman has kindly offered, on request, to tidy up gravestones or memorial stones in Chidham churchyards for people who cannot visit at the present time. If you would like Denise' help, please 'phone her on 576981.

Oberammergau

The Oberammergau Passion Play has been postponed and has now been rescheduled to the summer of 2022. The local village group trip has been cancelled for this summer. The intention is that the trip will go ahead in 2022.

Reflections - Missioner Deacon, Rev. Ish Smale

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/news/reflections-missioner-deacon-rev-ish-smale>

Cathedral News: <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/news>

and keep in touch with the Cathedral peregrines - four eggs so far?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pzv8KHdwsr0>

In April, we remember

Mary Ellen Helmore, Jacqui Redman-Hyde,
Bernard George Barley, Joan Fogden

The readings for Sunday April 26th

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2. 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116

Second Reading 1 Peter 1.17-23

Gospel Reading Luke 24.13-35

The Parish is currently in Vacancy

During the Vacancy please contact the Churchwarden,
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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. Amen

First Reading Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: “‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.”

Psalm 16

1 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.’
 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦ upon those who are noble in heart.
 3 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.
 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦ in your hands alone is my fortune.
 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦ indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦ and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦ he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦ my flesh also shall rest secure.
 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦ nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
 10 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.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege to be born again. Now we live in wonderful expectation because Jesus rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him. It will be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold - and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So, if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honour on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. You love him even though you have never seen him. Although you do not see him, you trust him; and even now you are happy with a glorious, inexpressible joy. Your reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel

John 20.19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.