

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Holy Week and Easter: Thank you to **everyone** who contributed to our services during a busy eight days. Thank you to our various teams – sacristy, servers, musicians, lesson readers, flower arrangers, worship leaders- all of whom dedicated many hours to ensuring that this was a really memorable commemoration.

Volunteers needed! Saturday 18th April at 10am We are setting the first of the boundary railings in place. If you can help, please let Pete or Tony know. The task should take only an hour or so ... ground willing.

White Box Appeal: Sunday 19th will be the last opportunity to contribute to the Aid to the Church in Need Lenten Appeal.

Pilgrim Progress: From 20th April Rev. Seamus and Jay will be on pilgrimage across northern Italy. There is a book in the Lady Chapel where people may write prayers that they would like to be offered.

All services will run as normal during Rev Seamus's absence, but please direct all administrative needs to the office and all pastoral needs to the Readers and Fr Kevin for this period.

Prayer and cake at St Mary's - Thurs 16 April: all affected by memory loss and their friends are warmly invited to a time of prayer and favourite hymns, followed by soup & cake. St Mary's Church, 11:45 for 12 noon.

Peace Vigil - Saturday April 25 April at 12 noon: Monthly peace vigil at St Mary's, Innox Hill.

St John's Women's Group: Monday 27 April at **6.30pm** [*note revised time*]. Outing to a local pub. Lifts available. Please sign up in church or speak to Alison or Jan.

Concert 'Vivaldi's Trumpets' at St John's – Friday 8 May 7.30pm: a programme full of energy and colour - see *Inspire* p.13 for full details. Tickets from www.breathe-music.co.uk/concerts or from Mandy Crook.

Well Dressing May 2026: Please let Alison Henderson know if you would like to help in decorating the display boards this year.

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL

SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist
5pm Benediction and Evening Prayer

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Confessions, Sacrament of the Sick and Pastoral Conversations are by appointment. Please contact Rev. Seamus to arrange.

- Thurs 16 11.45am 'Prayer and cake' for those affected by memory loss and their friends
2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation
- Sat 18 10am Volunteers needed to put up railings
- Thurs 23 12.30pm Eucharist: St George
- Fri 24 2pm Hospital Service
- Sat 25 8.45am Morning Prayer: St Mark
12 noon Peace Vigil (St Mary's)
- Sun 26 4th @ 4pm 'The Good Shepherd'
- Mon 27 6.30pm St John's Women's Group outing
- Tues 28 11am Julian Meeting

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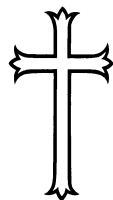
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Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)



FIRST READING: Acts 2.14a, 22-32

But 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 say. '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.

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1.3-9

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.

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING: 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 the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**