



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 26th April 2020

The Third Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Services Today

9.30am Family Service
Hymns: 375: MP414

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 124: 103: 118: 121

685 Misericordia Domini

Introit O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia; sing praises unto the honour of his Name, alleluia: make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works, O Lord: through the greatness of thy power. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. √. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things: and to have entered into his glory? Alleluia.

Offertory Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: Yea, as long as I have my being, I will sing praises to my God, alleluia.

Communion The Lord is risen, and hath appeared unto Peter, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch2 v14a, 36-41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch1 v17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel - Luke Ch24 v13-35

¹³On that same day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes

were kept from recognising him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Services This Week

All services are suspended until further notice
due to the virus regulations.

Please remember in your prayers

Tony Renouf, Hazel and John Greany,
Christine Shaw, Val Moullin, Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin,
Anthony De La Mare, Andy Lanoe, Lorraine Lewis,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Bridget, Roy Sarre, Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger and Janice Firth.