

## ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who helped to prepare our churches for their services this past Holy Week and Easter. I always appreciate the explosion of flowers we see on Easter Day, and am delighted by the appearance of Easter Gardens. I am immensely grateful for the hospitality offered by so many, especially during the Good Friday walk in South Framland, which helped make the Triduum this year very special and meaningful.

## CLERGY TIME OFF... AND MORE THANK YOU!

I will be off next weekend, from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May through to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, returning to work on the morning of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. My thanks to Jean and Barbara for being a point of contact while I am away, and especially for kindly leading our services next Sunday. I will respond to any emails or answer phone messages on my return.

## CHURCH SERVICES—WHERE AND WHEN

Please do read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the parish bulletin as it comes out each week, not least so you have the most up-to-date information of where and when services are going to be. Please do keep an eye out for changes.

## NIGHT PRAYER

Tuesdays | 9:00 pm | Zoom

These quiet and contemplative services focus on the Gospel of the day, and feature silence and music—all to help settle our minds and hearts at the end of the day. If you would like to join, please email for details.



## UPCOMING SERVICES

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Knipton

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Morning Prayer | Branston

9:00 am Morning Prayer | Sewstern

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Wymondham

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Knipton

11:00 am Holy Communion | Buckminster

6:00 pm Evensong | Wyfordby

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Harston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

6:00 pm Evensong | Melton Mowbray

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## The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH BULLETIN AWAY WITH YOU.

## Gathering Sentence

John 20.21

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' Alleluia.

## The 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.**

(or)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

## Acts Reading

Acts 5.27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Either Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118.14-29

**Refrain: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. Joyful shouts of salvation sound

from the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R**

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. **R**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. **R**

You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. **R**

## Or Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 150

**Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him upon the harp and lyre. Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with ringing cymbals; praise him upon the clashing cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia. **R**

## Epistle Reading

Revelation 1.4-8

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'You believe because you have seen me.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

**Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

John 20.19-31

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.**

## Communion Sentence

John 20.27

Jesus 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.' Alleluia.

## Prayer after 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. **Amen.**