

**Holy Communion**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**27 April 2025**

A warm welcome to our service of Holy Communion. Revd Dr Tati Gutteridge, Curate is presiding and preaching at 8am and Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, is presiding at 10am. The Choir and Children's Church are taking a well-earned break today.

**Readings**

Acts 5: 27-32

The Easter Anthems

Revelation 1: 4-8

John 20: 19-31

**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.**

**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**

**New Testament Reading**

**Acts 5: 27-32**

A reading from the book of Acts

When they had brought them, 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.’

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**The Easter Anthems**

1    Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  ♦

so let us celebrate the feast,

2    not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  ♦

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

3    Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  ♦

death has no more dominion over him.

4    In dying he died to sin once for all:  ♦

in living he lives to God.

5    See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  ♦

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Romans 6.9–11*

6    Christ has been raised from the dead:  ♦

the first fruits of those who sleep.

7    For as by man came death:  ♦

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8    for as in Adam all die:  ♦

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

**New Testament 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**John 20: 19-31**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory be to thee, 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 be to thee, O Christ**

**Prayers for the week**

We ask God’s blessing on all running the London Marathon today and on the charities and causes so many are supporting.

We pray for those in need: Fran Barlow, Mark Bromage, Ian Clark, Fiona Cochran, Helen Delap, Hessie Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Dot Levin, Vinubhai Patel, David Skingley, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Anne and Noel Timmons, Sabrina Unold, Jan Woolley and Pauline Youll.

We remember all who have died recently, joining our prayers with our Catholic brothers and sisters in remembering Pope Francis. We ask God’s blessing on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** [**dmcevoy@btinternet.com**](mailto:dmcevoy@btinternet.com)

**Prayers for Pope Francis**

Father in heaven, we praise your name  
for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you,  
for the example of their lives,  
the life and grace you gave them  
and the peace in which they rest.  
We praise you today for your servant Francis  
and for all that you did through him.  
Meet us in our sadness  
and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,  
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,  
we commend your servant Francis.  
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Enfold him in the arms of your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace  
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

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**VE Day**

**80th Anniversary Commemoration Service**

**In St Alfege Church Thursday 8 May 2025 at 7pm**

We are delighted to be hosting a service of commemoration and thanksgiving on the 80th anniversary of the declaration of Victory in Europe on 8 May 1945. The service is jointly hosted by the church, Greenwich Ecumenical Borough Deans with Civic Leaders and Royal British Legion Branches. The Right Reverend Alastair Cutting, Bishop of Woolwich will be preaching.

**Crypt Open Day – VE Day Celebration**

The church’s historic crypt will be open especially for this event. It will be open from 6pm to 7pm and then from 8pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 8 May.

Peer into the crypt’s vaults and imagine how they would have looked 200 years ago. Find out how the crypt was used as a bomb shelter for 40 families during the “Blitz.” Discover spaces usually closed to the public and hear about the colourful lives of those who served and worshipped in this amazing space.

**FREE admission. Donations welcome.**

**Drop in, no booking required.**

**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 27 April *Second Sunday of Easter***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Parish Eucharist (no choir)

There is no service of Choral Evensong this day

**Monday 28 April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 29 April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 30 April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 1 May**

8.00amHoly Communion

**Sunday 3 May *Third Sunday of Easter***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Abide, a service of readings, meditation, prayer and music from the Taizé tradition.

There is no service of Choral Evensong this day

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**Walk-In Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon in the Frank Smith Room in the hall.

**Please note:** There is no Choral Evensong today, Sunday

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