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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 28 April, 2nd Sunday of Easter

If you are a visitor, please do introduce yourself to the chaplain or one of our welcomers. Toilets are downstairs.

Christ is risen from the dead! Death has been defeated by death, and life has been given to those in the grave

8:30 Morning Prayer (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with group for children. There is a play area for small children in the room beside the church. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome to stay.

Leader and Preacher: The Chaplain

Chalices: Don Levens, Pat Szymczak

Hymns

86 - Christ is made the sure
179 - From the sun's rising
402 - Lord, enthroned in heavenly
125 - Crown him with many crowns

During communion:

639 - The peace of the earth
331 - Jesu, grant me this, I pray
267 - Here you are among us

Collect:

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

Reading: Acts 5.27-32 (Liz Bearman)

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, '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.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Psalm 118.14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 '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.'

17 I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light;

link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen

Reading: Revelation 1.4-8 (Emily Pape)

4 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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel: John 20.19-31

19 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.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.'

26 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.' ²⁷Then 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.'²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Forthcoming services

Morning prayer will be said in church at 8.30am on Monday - Thursday.

Tuesday 30 April 17:00 Ladies bible study at parsonage. Speak to Rachel Culbertson to find out more.

Wednesday 1 May 19:00 Holy Communion

Sunday 28 April

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday school

Future dates

Sunday 5 May: 11am Preacher Mike Zdorow, pastor of MPC. It will be good to have Mike to speak at St Andrew's before he leaves Moscow on 17 May.

Sunday 12 May: 11am Visit of group from Lichfield Diocese when our celebrant and preacher will be the Bishop of Lichfield, Rt Rev Michael Igrave.

Saturday 25 May: A river cruise in aid of the Restoration challenge, run by the British Business Club. Registration at www.britishclub.ru

Sunday 2 June: Joint BBQ with MPC (more details to follow)

Saturday 15 June: St Andrew's summer fete. 12 noon – 5pm

Daily Bible Readings following Easter

Daily bible readings can be found on the **Daily Prayer app**. We also have a prayer feed on the **PrayerMate app**. Look for us under 'Churches – European'. There is also a great app with daily readings for the Easter season: **EasterPilgrim**

In our prayers:

- Pray for the Orthodox and other Christians in Russia celebrating Easter today, and especially for the people of our two closest neighbours: the Resurrection church and Fr Nikolai, and the church of the Ascension and Fr Alexei.
- For all who suffer in Sri Lanka because of the terror attacks. Pray that people will know the presence of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus, and the support of good friends. Pray that those who wish to commit such acts will be frustrated.
- Give thanks for a clear result in the Ukrainian election, pray for the president-elect, for a peaceful transition of power, and for improved relations with Russia
- Pray for those in need, especially for Irina, Lyuba, Vladimir
- Pray for the family and friends of David Morley, who died on Tuesday

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