

**QUIZ TIME:** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm. (in Church Hall).  
Tickets £10 each still available. Fish and chip supper or alternatives, BYO drinks.

**DIARY DATES:**

**The Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in church. There will be 5 vacancies for PCC members. The revision of the Electoral Roll will commence on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Summer Festival:** Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 12md-4pm.

**Advent Fayre:** Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 12md-3.30pm

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**Mission of the Month: Barnabas Fund**



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**Welcome** to our services today  
**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Easter 2**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)  
1030 The 10.30 Service

**This Week's Activities**

Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer  
1930 PCC Standing Committee (venue tba)  
Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)  
1200 Funeral of Frederick Hagan (in church)  
Friday 1000 Open Church Coffee Morning  
Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Easter 3**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)  
1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)  
1800 The 6.00 Service

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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**

### FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: John 20:19-31

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**