Today's services

Liturgical Colour: Gold or White

There is no Morning Prayer on zoom this morning10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St Leonard, Yardley Gobion

9.30am Holy Communion for
Easter Sunday at Cosgrove
10.00am Holy Communion for
Easter Sunday at Yardley Gobion
10.00am Holy Communion for
Easter Sunday at Potterspury
11.00am Holy Communion for
Easter Sunday at Wicken
There is no service of Evensong
this month

Collect for today

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and

overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,

now and in all eternity. **Amen**

Post Communion prayer for today

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection

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have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify

about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

> For the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as vet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not vet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

> This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

OR

Gospel: Luke 24.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 23rd April

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley <u>Facebook page</u>.

Thursday 24th April

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact <u>Mary McVay</u> so she can send you the details.

Sunday 27th April

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom Meeting ID 833 3035 8290 Passcode 735361 You can join just the audio by phoning 0131 460 1196 / 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240

10.00am Holy Communion at Cosgrove

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting Dates

Wicken – Monday 28th April 7.00pm Potterspury and Yardley Gobion – Wednesday 30th April 7.30pm (in St Nicholas, Potterspury)

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm **Potterspury** Daily around 9am to 5pm, or until after the last service of the day **Yardley Gobion** Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm **Wicken** – the church can be opened if anyone would like to go in. Please see the notice outside for details of who to contact. If you would like to receive a copy of our free weekly newsletter by email, showing details of all our upcoming services and social events within the benefice, please drop us an email to *admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk* to be added to the distribution.

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 65.17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall

not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Psalm 118.14-24

I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

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.

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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 buildersrejected has become the chief cornerstone.23 This is the Lord's doing, and it ismarvellous 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.

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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.

I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

Saving God,

open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service.

You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.