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# Pew-sheet for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

## The Second Sunday of Easter

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### Today's services

#### *Liturgical Colour: White*

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
Meeting ID 833 3035 8290  
Passcode 735361  
You can join just the audio by phoning  
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481 5240

**10.00am Holy Communion** at the  
church of St Peter & St Paul,  
Cosgrove

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#### *Collect for today*

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**

#### *Post Communion prayer for today*

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**

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### Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

#### *First Reading: Acts 5.27-32*

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

For 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 to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup> 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.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to

them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them 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 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.'

<sup>26</sup> 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.' <sup>27</sup> 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.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> 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.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.**

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## **The coming week's services and prayer**

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.00pm**, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**5.00pm Meditation Prayer**

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

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

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
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*Passcode 735361*

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**10.00am Holy Communion** at Wicken for their Festival Sunday. The service will begin at the Gospel Elm on the junction of Leckhampstead Road and Cross Tree Road and then process to the church.

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### **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting Dates**

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

## **Support for you**

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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](mailto:admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk) to be added to the distribution.

### Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

#### **Revelation 1.4-8**

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **Psalm 150**

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

1 Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

**[R]**

3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him upon the harp and lyre.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.

**[R]**

5 Praise him with ringing cymbals; praise him upon the clashing cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Alleluia.

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

**God of life and love,  
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,  
make us alive with his life,  
that the whole world may resound with your praise;  
through 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.**