

St Thomas, Wells with the Horringtons

Easter Day

20th April 2025



10am

All-ages Together

Family Eucharist

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION – If you are Coeliac or Wheat Intolerant and would like to receive G/F Communion, please speak to a sidesperson or server before the service. You will be given a green card, which you should carry to the communion rail and show clearly to the priest. Please leave your card at the end of the service.

A COLLECTION is not taken, however there is an offertory plate by the door for use either before or after the service. Please fill in a Gift Aid envelope if possible, so we can reclaim the tax. Alternatively, if you would like to join the PARISH GIVING SCHEME there are forms at the back of the church. If you need assistance please see one of the stewards or churchwardens.

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Some informal words of welcome from Revd. Claire

Please stand

**Hymn: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Saying Sorry:

Jesus is risen and all that is wrong can be made right.

Loving God, you asked for faith and trust;
we demanded proof and certainty.

Forgive our lack of trust in you.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Loving God, your love was stronger than death.

Forgive us when we are unloving.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Loving God, you sent us into the world with a
message of hope.

Forgive us when we forget to share that message.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

May God, the Father of all mercies, cleanse you from
your sins and restore you in his image, made possible
through the risen life of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,
alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,
alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,
alleluia amen.

The Prayer of the Day

Wonderful and amazing God,
by raising Jesus to life,
you have changed everything;
Help us to be people of hope and joy,
for nothing can ever be the same again,
for us and all in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our friend and Saviour. **Amen**

Please sit

First Reading: **Acts 10:34-43** (from 'The Message')

Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favourites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he's doing it everywhere, among everyone. "You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him.

“And we saw it, saw it all, everything he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem where they killed him, hung him from a cross.

But in three days God had him up, alive, and out where he could be seen. Not everyone saw him—he wasn’t put on public display. Witnesses had been carefully handpicked by God beforehand—us! We were the ones, there to eat and drink with him after he came back from the dead. He commissioned us to announce this in public, to bear solemn witness that he is in fact the One whom God destined as Judge of the living and dead. But we’re not alone in this. Our witness that he is the means to forgiveness of sins is backed up by the witness of all the prophets.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand

**Song: This is the day, this is the day
 that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
 we will rejoice, we will rejoice
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 This is the day, this is the day that the
 Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when he rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when he rose
again.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit
came.**

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 (from 'The Message')

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

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance.

She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath. “They taken the Master from the tomb. We don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn’t go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the hood used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had arrived there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus’ body had been laid. They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?”

“They’ve taken my Master,” she said, “and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn’t recognize him.

Jesus spoke to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, “Sir, if you have taken him, tell me where you’ve put him so I can care for him.” Jesus said, “Mary.” Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” meaning “Teacher!” Jesus said, “Don’t cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: “I saw the Master!” And she told them everything he said to her.

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

Talk

Please stand

**Song: We believe in God the Father
 maker of the universe,
 and in Christ, his Son, our Saviour,
 come to us by virgin birth.
 We believe he died to save us
 bore our sins, was crucified;
 then from death he rose victorious,
 ascended to the Father's side.**

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all (x4);
name above all names,
name above all names.*

**We believe he sends his Spirit
on his Church with gifts of power;
God, his word of truth affirming,
sends us to the nations now.
He will come again in glory,
judge the living and the dead;
ev'ry knee shall bow before him,
then must every tongue confess:**

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all (x4);
name above all names,
name above all names.*

Please sit

Praying for Others

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
That our risen Saviour may fill us and Christians
everywhere with the joy of his glorious and life-giving
resurrection.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, here in the UK and for those in other lands, especially all refugees.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world. We especially remember the people of Ukraine and Palestine.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to those who are sick, weak or dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...We remember by name...

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal
joy; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We stand

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, "Peace be with you". Then were they glad
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Song: **See, what a morning, gloriously bright**
 with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
 folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
 as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
 See God's salvation plan
 wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice;
 fulfilled in Christ, the Man
 for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"
As in sorrow, she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name.
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
This voice that spans the years
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us
will sound 'til he appears;
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days;
through the Spirit who clothes faith with
certainty
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him;
death is dead, love has won, Christ has
conquered;
and we shall reign with him
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

WE REMEMBER JESUS

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

Father, you made the world and love all you have created. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and the friend of sinners.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: This is my body, broken for you. Eat it to remember me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said; Drink this all of you. This is my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his blood is shed for all.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine that they may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in Christ.

With your whole Church throughout the world, and with the angels and archangels, we sing your hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*If you cannot come forward for communion, we can bring the
bread and wine to you.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine,
please bring this booklet with you.*

***Please indicate by pointing right if you'd prefer to drink from
the common cup, otherwise your wafer will be dipped in the
wine by the priest.***

During the distribution, music will be played and/or singing.

Prayer after communion

**May God help us to live lives
that are filled with hope and joy.
May we share and give,
bless and love, through Jesus,
our friend and Saviour. Amen.**

(Notices)

We stand

**Hymn: Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son:
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph
sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy
deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.**

Blessing

May the Father shower his love upon you.
May the Son strengthen you in your faith.
May the Spirit breathe God's life afresh in you and
give you peace. And the blessing of God.... **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Let the Easter Egg Hunt Commence...!

Claire, Chris and Judy
are hosting a
Vicar & Wardens' Afternoon Tea
And you are all warmly invited!



Saturday April 26th 2025
3-5pm
in the church hall



Trio Paradis Café Concert **Northern Lights**

Monday 5th May at 11am

in St Thomas church (café is open 10.30am)

Trio Paradis café concerts are informal feel-good music events with a pop-up café where you can meet friends and make new ones over tea/coffee and home-made cakes.



Northern Lights is a programme of music by Scandinavian composers, including Andante con Moto in C minor by Edvard Grieg, May Night by Selim Palmgren, Inga Lartum-Liebig: June Night, Laura Netzel: Serenade, and works by Elfrida Andrée, Jan Sibelius and Niels Gade.

The concert last about 45mins and entrance is free with pay-what-you-feel donation invited.

Refreshments available in the café half an hour before the concert.

No need to book, just turn up.