

St Thomas Wells, with the Horringtons

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 27th 2025

Hymn

(Tune Vulpus)

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing.
Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!**

**The Lord of Life is risen today
sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia!**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!**

Prayer for the Day

Alpha and Omega,
our beginning and our end,
you break through the locks
of gated communities
and hardened hearts:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people
forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 5.27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 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.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 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

Second Reading Revelation 1.4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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

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.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

**As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here.**

(x 3)

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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.’ 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.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ 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.’

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

Hymn

Tune Lux Eoi

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, safe, with thee.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Hymn

(Tune Miles Lane)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
*and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.*

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the strength of Israel's might,
and crown him

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him

Ye prophets who our freedom won,
ye searchers great and small,
by whom the work of truth is done,
now crown him

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown him

Prayers for the Parish: Hooper Avenue; Foster Close

Prayers for our link churches in Zambia: Please pray for St Augustine’s Church & St Monica’s Church, Livingstone East.

Those whose year’s mind occurs at this time:

Hector Haines (28-04-1964) Peter Chamberlain (28-04-2013)
Michael Greenhalgh (29-04-1995) Geoffrey Bedford (30-04-2004)
John Fisher (30-04-2007) Beryl Franklin (01-05-2004)
Margaret Harding (01-05-2021)

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**This week:**

Tues 10 – 12 **Coffee Stop** in church  
10am **Homegroup** meet in community room  
2-4pm *Choir Rehearsals in church*  
Wed 9.30-11am **ABC2** parents/carers & tots in the hall  
2.30pm **Memorial Service for Megan Hewson** in church  
Thurs 10 – 11am **Keep Fit** in the church hall  
Sat 7pm **Swan Singers** concert in church  
Sun 10am **Parish Eucharist** (Third Sunday of Easter)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 11am Trio Paradis Concert in church**

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Swan Singers present In the Footsteps of Alexander
A choral exploration of the kingdom of Alexander the Great
7pm Sat 3 May in St Thomas church
Tickets £10 see poster for booking details or available on the door

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**Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Celebrate VE Day**  
**with Wells Good Afternoon Choir**  
**in St Thomas Church Free admission**