

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

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## This Week

### Tuesday

7.00pm – APCM, St Mary's, Broughton

### Wednesday

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and cake.

7.30pm – Youth drop-in, Broughton Methodist Church

### Thursday

10.00am – Bible Study, Broughton Methodist Church

10am-12noon – Community Post Office and Coffee at Kirkby Community Centre and then 1-3pm at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha (Foodbank Collection also).

3.30pm – Quest Club

7.30pm – Youth Group, Broughton Methodist Church

### Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's, Broughton.

### Lectionary corner

Why are the 'Old Testament' readings during Easter in fact readings from the New Testament, specifically from the Book of Acts?

Across the Anglican Communion, many local lectionaries follow the ecumenical Revised Common Lectionary, in insisting that the usual reading from the Hebrew Bible be replaced with one from the Acts of the Apostles during the 50 days of Eastertide. This practice originated in the early church. It is described by St Augustine (fourth/fifth century), who was following the practice of St Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315-386). The Eucharistic Liturgy of Saints Addai and Mari (dated c. 200) takes the same approach.

We do this to emphasise the 'new thing' which God is doing (Isaiah 43:19), as well as to demonstrate the radical and profound effect which Easter (and Pentecost) had in creating and guiding the Body of Christ. It also serves to highlight the very real and very everyday problems encountered by the early church, many of which are still with us (to a greater or lesser degree) today.

What we should not take from this, is any suggestion that the Hebrew Bible is somehow of lesser importance

post-Easter, or that somehow the Jewish antecedents of Christianity are to be diminished. We still remember that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament law and writings. In churches where only two readings are used on a typical Sunday, the Old Testament is sometimes little-read, but that is a problem that we do not have, since we normally use the Hebrew Bible every week.

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### 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.

### Acts 5:27-32

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

<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.'

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 118:14-end

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory  
in the tents of the righteous:  
'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'  
<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me severely,  
 but he did not give me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
 that I may enter through them  
 and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord;  
 the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
 and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing;  
 it is marvellous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
 O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
 the Lord.  
 We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,  
 and he has given us light.  
 Bind the festal procession with branches,  
 up to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
 you are my God, I will extol you.  
<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.

### Revelation 1:4-8

*A reading from the Book of Revelation.*

<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.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### John 20:19-end

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

### Prayer after Communion

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.

### Please pray for...

Arabella Storey, who is coming for baptism in Kirkby  
 this Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) and for Lewis Scott and  
 Annaliese Sales, who will be marrying in St Cuthbert's  
 next Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> April).