

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

## NOTICES

### Electoral roll / Broughton APCM

Broughton will hold its APCM this week, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, in St Mary's.

If you would like to serve on the PCC and help to develop our churches and ministry as we emerge from the pandemic, please be in touch with Stephen or with Helen Lewis, PCC Secretary. **All prospective PCC members and churchwardens must complete a nomination form**, to be submitted in advance of the meeting:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/nom-pcc-2020.pdf>

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/nom-cw-1.pdf>

If you are not yet a member of the electoral roll in either Broughton or Kirkby, and would like to be, please download a form and bring it to church or send it via Stephen:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll.pdf>

### Chalice and chalice assistants

Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest in learning more about the theology, spirituality and practicality of the chalice, in preparation for the point when we are able to share the cup of Christ again.

For the time being, we do not expect to return to the use of the chalice in church. However, we should be ready for that eventuality. If you would like to remain authorised as a chalice assistant, or would like to be authorised to assist in this way for the first time, please get in touch with Stephen.

### Christian Aid 10-16<sup>th</sup> May

Christian Aid week this year focuses on the consequences of climate change in vulnerable communities, including problems such as water poverty. This is the second year running that Christian Aid is struggling to raise funds while Covid restrictions limit its traditional source of funds, the door-to-door collection.



In Broughton and parts of the Duddon Valley there will be a door-to-door collection. Elsewhere, you can give

directly via <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> or by calling 020 7523 2269. An electronic version of the traditional envelope can also be used, accessible at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/>

Further information can be obtained from Alex Stockley, or from Stephen.

## WALK4WHEELS

BRINGING HEALTHCARE TO BURUNDI

If you've not yet looked at Keppleway's Walk4Wheels project, please do visit the page below, to learn more about Keppleway's association with Burundi and the great work that is being done by the Bethesda Project:

<https://www.keppleway.org.uk/bethesda-project>

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

*During Easter Season, priority is given to readings from Acts.*

### Acts 4:5-12

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

### **I John 3:16-end**

*A reading from the First Letter of John*

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

### **John 10:11-18**

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

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.