This week's readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4.32–35

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

It was evening on 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 lesus 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, lesus 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.

John 20.19-31



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SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

Post 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.

Amen.

Green / World Prayer

Father of Creation,
God of Peace,
we praise you for your son Jesus,
the Lamb upon the Throne.
We praise you that your son Jesus said,
'Blessed are the peacemakers'
and called us to love our enemies.
We thank you that your son rules
and reigns
through self-giving sacrificial love.

Amen.

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings

Acts 4.32-35; John 20.19-end **Hymns** 10, 97, 125, 428

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

Readings

Genesis 3.8-15; Galatians 4.1-5 **Hymns** 77, 282 v1,2,5,6; 408 Psalm 133



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need... Philip Catchpole, Paul Keen, George Greenshields.

Those who have died... Chris Kernan, Jean Stokes, Diane Freisinger

Anniversary of death... Eric Clark (2001), Valerie Finch (2000) **Link Parish** of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.



THIS WEEK...

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

No Toddler Group

12-12.45pm PRAYER GROUP Church

NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 14 APRIL
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
8am HOLY COMMUNION
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL
9am TODDLER GROUP Hall
12-12.45pm PRAYER GROUP Church



NOTICES

WANTED CHURCH CLEANER

We need more help with cleaning the church. If you are willing to take on this role, you will be on a rota of approximately 2 hours every 4 weeks.

Contact the wardens, Julie or Tish. if you think you are able to help, please.

SUNDAY 14th APRIL

Our Mission partners Lea and Petra
Williams will be joining us
at the 10am service.
Do come to hear them talk
about their work in Brno,
Czech Republic and stay after the
service to meet them.

THANK YOU

to everyone who contributed towards the Easter Lilies in church.

Following last April's concert, the HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

returns to Christ Church on **I3 APRIL** at **7.30pm**

for another Classical fund-raising concert in aid of Christian Care Merton.
Full details on separate flyer and HCO website. Tickets are available in advance or on the door.

www.hertfordshirechamberorchest ra.org.uk

The ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is on

I 9 May after the 10am service.
At that meeting we will update our electoral Roll. This is a list of everyone at Christ Church.
If you are not on the list, we want you to be! A copy of the current list hangs at the back of church.
If you need to join, take a form from the cross aisle or email the parish office.

This months' edition of **THE BRIDGE** is available at the
back of church and can be read or
downloaded from:
southwark.anglican.org/thebridge



COMING UP...

MERTON INTERFAITH WALK Saturday April 13. I lam

from Wimbledon Station.

A 5k walk to Merton Faith Sites.
£5 registration payable at the start of the walk.

Proceeds to
Merton Homeless Project.
Fliers at the back of church.

