

LECTIONARY 1ST APRIL - EASTER SATURDAY

Sun 12 Apr	Easter Day The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading. Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6 Psalm 118.1-2,14-24* Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10	Thu 23 Apr	Revelation 12.7-12, Psalm 126, 2 Timothy 2.3-13, John 15.18-21
Mon 13 Apr	Acts 2.14, 22-32, Psalm 16.1-2, 6-end, Matthew 28.8-15	Fri 24 Apr	Acts 5.34-42, Psalm 27.1-5, 16-17, John 6.1-15
Tue 14 Apr	Acts 2.36-41, Psalm 33.4-5, 18-end, John 20.11-18	Sat 25 Apr	Acts 15.35-41, Psalm 119.9-16, Ephesians 4.7-16, Mark 13.5-13
Wed 15 Apr	Acts 3.1-10, Psalm 105.1-9, Luke 24.13-35	Sun 26 Apr	The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading. Acts 2.14a,36-41 Psalm 116.1-3,10-17* 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35
Thu 16 Apr	Acts 3.11-26, Psalm 8, Luke 24.35-48		For those who require an Old Testament reading on the Sundays of Easter: Zephaniah 3.14-20 If an Old Testament reading is used, the reading from Acts must be used as the second reading.
Fri 17 Apr	Acts 4.1-12, Psalm 118.1-4, 22-26, John 21.1-14	Mon 27 Apr	Acts 6.8-15, Psalm 119.17-24, John 6.22-29
Sat 18 Apr	Acts 4.13-21, Psalm 118.1-4, 14-21, Mark 16.9-15	Tue 28 Apr	Acts 7.51-8.1a, Psalm 31.1-5, 16, John 6.30-35
Sun 19 Apr	Acts 2.14a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31	Wed 29 Apr	Acts 8.1b-8, Psalm 66.1-6, John 6.35-40
Mon 20 Apr	Acts 4.23-31, Psalm 2.1-9, John 3.1-8	Thu 30 Apr	Acts 8.26-end, Psalm 66.7-8, 14-end, John 6.44-51
Tue 21 Apr	Acts 4.32-end, Psalm 93, John 3.7-15		
Wed 22 Apr	Acts 5.17-26, Psalm 34.1-8, John 3.16-21		

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Dear friends,

The week began as many have these past few - with coronavirus updates and the latest casualties, locally and around the world. The pace of change is ever increasing but much of society looks different now than it did only four weeks ago. What firm foundation do we have in these changing times?

The bible begins and ends with a creation story and a new creation. With a tree of life and the fruit of knowledge (Genesis); and a tree of life from around which living water flows (Revelation).

Jesus, the Word of God, was there at the beginning (John 1) and was God and in God, through him all things came into being. God walked with Adam in the garden, he searched for Adam and Eve when they were missing. From day one, God has sought the lost and lost no-one. He is the perfect shepherd.

On day one of the resurrection the author of creation is seen as a gardener walking among his creation finding and tending those who feel lost. (John 20: 1-18). God is our constant in this time of change and uncertainty.

Do not be afraid, no one is lost who is called by him, he knows you, he sees you, he loves you and he will never leave you. May God fill you with his joy and his peace this Easter and ever after. Amen.

Marc Terry



A PRAYER FOR PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON AND ALL THOSE IN INTENSIVE CARE
God of compassion, be close to all who are in intensive care, including our Prime Minister; in their anxiety, be their consolation; in their fear, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

EASTER GREETINGS TO EVERYONE IN THE BYBROOK BENEFICE.

As you might guess I am devastated that I cannot be with you in person to lead services over Easter week but realise that we need to keep ourselves safe so that we can look forward to many more Easters together. I am sure many will think that it would have been much harder if this had happened at Christmas but for me, as a Christian, Easter is what really matters, and this year many of us will experience a feeling of loneliness and isolation much as Christ himself did during the days leading up to his crucifixion.

There are many opportunities to engage with services online and even to share virtual coffee after Marc's service on Easter morning. I have decided to mark the occasion with a solitary sunrise service because although I shall be alone in body I will have with me in spirit those with whom I have shared previous sunrise services over the years.



Until we meet again may God be with you.

Gillian



Well this is a very strange time indeed! At times, probably for all of us, it's also a worrying, frightening and disorienting time, alongside moments of joy and counting our blessings. I'm sure it was like that for Jesus' disciples that first Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, and for Jesus too.

But because of those events, we know we're never truly alone. God is always near to listen to us, and to bless us, and those whom we think about and pray for.

When others aren't available or aren't able, at that time, to hear our thoughts and feelings, we can always pour them out to God. We mustn't worry about their form. Heartfelt words and groans, when we don't know how to express ourselves, are all completely acceptable to God, who will never stop loving us or being with us, as he was with the disciples, and with Jesus.

I'm Ok. Caring for my family - all my children who were away have come home, which is a blessing - and I'm finding peace in praying for the Benefice.

I pray all God's Easter blessings may rest on you, your family and all for whom you pray, now and always.

Mary

EASTER WINGS BY GEORGE HERBERT

Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks harmoniously
And sing this day thy victories
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

Church Dispersed

Worshipping from Home

How have you been worshipping? We would love to hear from you. You can email us at bybrook.office@gmail.com or post your comments and pictures directly on to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BybrookTeamMinistry>

If you don't already follow our page, now is the time do so as it is where you can be kept up to date with any new information. It is also where you will be able to see services as they are streamed live.

Don't forget to use the "Prayer From Home" service sheet which can be downloaded from our Coronavirus Resources webpage <https://bybrook.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/>

This resource can be used alongside the daily lectionary readings which can be found on the back page.

Live services will also now be streamed on our Website, for those unable to access Facebook.

Meeting together for Coffee

On Easter Sunday you are invited to join us for a coffee together at 11am over Zoom.

Please email revmarcterry@gmail.com with the subject "Zoom Easter Coffee" for the details of how to join.

Virtual Ark

A new Ark Facebook group has been set up where we will share songs, crafts and other activities throughout Holy Week [Request to join here.](#)



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

An invitation from Bishop Viv

Bishop Viv has invited us all to join with her in celebrating Maundy Thursday, at which the clergy renew their ordination vows. The liturgy for this service is here: [Maundy Thursday liturgy](#)
The Maundy Thursday service will be streamed at 10.30am as live on the Cathedral's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) and [website](#).

GOOD FRIDAY

Here is a link to a performance of [The Passion of Jesus](#) by the Wintershall Players, which you might like to watch on Good Friday.

Walk of witness

We might not be able to go out together, but that does not stop you going out individually, with your palm cross perhaps, as a witness to your community.

EASTER SUNDAY + FUTURE SERVICES

An Easter Sunday service led by Rev. Marc Terry will be streamed live on both our [facebook page](#) and our [website](#) at 9.30am this Sunday.

We hope you can join us.

The service sheet, if you would like to follow it, can be found on our [webpage](#).

Future Sunday services should also be streamed on Facebook and our Website, so do keep an eye out for these.