



EASTER GREETINGS FROM ST CHAD'S



Easter Day - 16 April 2017

"As yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead." John 20:9
"They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day." Acts 10:39-40

This morning's music

381 Jesus Christ is risen today
390 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
733 The strife is o'er, the battle done
533 Now the green blade riseth
751 Thine be the glory
'King ever Glorious' from Stainer's Crucifixion

This morning's readings

Acts 10.34-43 (Reader: Leslie Fletcher); Ps 118;
Colossians 3.1-4 (Reader: Kathleen Mulligan);
John 20.1-18 (Gospeller: Colin Powell)
Intercessor: Helen Reid



Build His church and deck His shrine,
Empty though it be on earth;
Ye have kept your choicest wine—
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;
Pluck the harp and breathe the horn:
Know ye not 'tis Easter morn?

Gather gladness from the skies;
Take a lesson from the ground;
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes
And a Spring-time joy have found;
Earth throws Winter's robes away,
Decks herself for Easter Day.

Prayer in the silence after communion

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

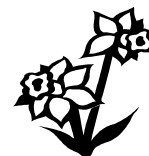
Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer, and song,
Singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.

*Gerard
Manley
Hopkins*

Thank you to all who helped with the Holy Week services and Easter liturgy, or worked hard to clean and decorate the church for Easter & to St Nick's for hospitality on Maundy Thursday

Seen on a Manchester street (via Twitter):

"Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless but because they are priceless."



Tea, coffee and Easter treats in the Hall after the morning service - all welcome.

Dates for your diary

- 23 April ~ Sunday Annual Meeting after the Parish Eucharist. PCC &c. nomination forms are at the back of Church. Please think who could serve in this way – including yourself!
- 2 May ~ Tuesday 7.30pm at St Nick's: 10th Anniversary Taizé Evening Prayer with Bishop Mark
- 13 May ~ Saturday 10.30am – 12.00 noon in church: Big Brekkie for Christian Aid
Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and fill up at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving up a delicious morning meal, and raising money alongside the house-to-house collection.
- 14 – 20 May **Christian Aid Week: 60 years of raising money for the fight against poverty and injustice**
As we listen to Mary's confusion in the garden, and as we sense the disciples' fear in the upper room, we are offered grace for our own questions and confusion at the pain of the world. But as we stand by that empty grave we are also given the grace to believe that another world is possible. A world where love wins and abundant life is available for all, now. From Christian Aid's reflection for Easter Day:
- 22 May ~ Monday 7.30pm at St Nick's: short service to complete legal formalities of cross-licensing
- 24 May ~ Wednesday 7.30pm at Manchester Cathedral: Archdeacon's Visitation (Only one this year)

Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.27-32 (reader Barbara Purvis); Psalm 150; **Revelation 1.4-8** (reader Kathleen Mulligan); **John 20.19-31** (Gospeller: Colin Powell); Intercessor: Jenny Black