



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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Second Sunday of Easter - 23 April 2017

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20.22

Gospel acclamation Reader: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Response: Alleluia

This morning's music voices raise

32 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and
87 Breathe on me, Breath of God
494 Love's redeeming work is done
516 My God, how wonderful you are
36 And can it be that I should gain
Mendelssohn: Sonata No 2

This morning's readings

Acts 2.14a, 22-32 (Reader: Jenny Black); Ps 16;

1 Peter 1.3-9 (Reader: Robert Nicholls);

John 20.19-31 (Gospeller: Colin Powell)

Intercessor Opal Walsh

This morning's Eucharistic Prayer: E

Prayer in the silence after Communion

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.

Collect: Second Sunday of Easter

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.

Post-Communion: 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.

Eastertide greeting

President: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you
President: Alleluia. Christ is risen
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Eastertide dismissal

President: Go in the peace of Christ,
Alleluia Alleluia;
**All: Thanks be to God,
Alleluia, Alleluia**

In the light of acts of terrorism at home and abroad, and as we consider what government we desire as a nation, an (abridged) reflection on the Gospel text by Paul Nuechterlein:

"[What is Thomas] having a hard time believing? The raising of Lazarus was still fresh for Thomas. Can he not believe that God could raise Jesus from the dead? I'm not so sure that's what Thomas' problem was. Perhaps it wasn't simply that God could raise Jesus from the dead. Perhaps he had trouble believing that God would raise a crucified Jesus from the dead. Why would God raise someone executed in utter shame?"

We are invited to believe precisely that God raised this one whom we executed. The execution brings us face to face with the heart of the matter: that our cure for violence is sacred violence, and that God's cure for violence is

completely different. God submits to our sacred violence in the cross and reveals it as meaningless and powerless compared to God's power of life.

"If we want to truly be challenged by something in which to believe, try believing that there is ultimately a nonviolent way to stop violence. Can we believe there's another kind of response to terrorism than to wield our full military might? And that Jesus came to call us to that other way? Don't more folks have greater difficulty believing in the latter than in Jesus being raised from the dead?"

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service - all welcome

Today 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!

Next week and further ahead

25 April ~ Tuesday 7.30pm Evening Prayer, followed at 8.00pm by Needlecraft Group
7.30pm at William Temple Vicarage (M22 0BU): *Through a Mirror Dimly* occasional meetings on Theology, Faith & Life. Tonight's topic: *Wealth, money and the life of faith* in the light of Archbishop Justin's latest book

26 April ~ Wednesday 11.00am – 2.00pm at St Paul's Church Hall: the Hive Community Cafe is back open each Wednesday! Hot food, cold food, or just a drink. All delicious. Make new friends, see old friends!

27 April ~ Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

1 May ~ Monday 7.30pm in church: planning meeting for Big Brekkie (see below!)

2 May ~ Tuesday 7.30pm at St Nick's: 10th Anniversary Taizé Evening Prayer with Bishop Mark

9 May ~ Tuesday 7.30pm in the Hall: Coffee Evening + Bring & Buy sale organised by Tuesday Group



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
Sunday –
Saturday** **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

21 May ~ Sunday Organ recital with Kenson Li – more details soon

22 May ~ Monday 7.30pm at St Nick's: short service to complete legalities of cross-licensing with Bishop Mark and Area Dean

24 May ~ Wednesday 7.30pm at Manchester Cathedral: Archdeacon's Visitation (Only one this year)

Sponsor a slate - help keep rain water out of the south aisle



James Dickson, our roofer, is coming on May 2 to work on the roof of the south aisle with the aim of finally preventing rain water getting in. He will be replacing about 100 slates with reclaimed Welsh slates to match the rest of the church roof. Each slate costs £2. Please talk to Jenny or Judy if you would like to **sponsor a slate**.

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,36-41 (Reader: Barbara Purvis); **Psalm 116.1-3,10-17**; **1 Peter 1.17-23** (Reader: Diane Wynn); **Luke 24.13-35** (Gospeller: Helen Reid). Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

Archbishop Rowan Williams has written this about our understanding of the Resurrection:

There is no hope of understanding the Resurrection outside the process of renewing humanity in forgiveness...the empty tomb [in itself] proves nothing. We need to add that no amount of apparitions, however well authenticated, would mean anything either, apart from the testimony of forgiven lives communicating forgiveness. The resurrection was an experience of forgiveness. The disciples had all abandoned Jesus, becoming complicit with his murderers. The fact that the resurrection was happening to them was an experience of forgiveness for them.