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**Sunday 21st April 2024**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**This Week at St Peter’s**

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| **Sun 21 st**  **4th Sunday of Easter** | 8am | **Early Eucharist** |
| 10 am | **Parish Eucharist** |
| 6pm | **SPUDS** |
| **Wed 24th** | 10am | **Midweek Eucharist** |
| **Sun 28th**  **5th Sunday of Easter** | 8am | **Early Eucharist** (Fr. Neil) |
| 10am | **Parish Eucharist** (Fr. Neil) |

We are very grateful to Rev. Steve Haskett (8am) and Fr. Jordan Bentliff (10am) for covering services today while Fr. Neil is on annual leave.

**Can you help?**

**We are collecting the following:**

* Food/personal hygiene items for the Churches Together Food Bank, Living Waters Church;
* *Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, hygiene items* and more for our MU hospital hygiene packs;
* *used stamps with 1cm of paper around them* to fundraise for Multiple Sclerosis charities,
* *erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil crayons* (NOT wax, please) and *small colouring books* for our children’s hospital bags,
* and more – please see the back of church for more information!

**Notices**

**Congratulations** to Dot & Derek Bolan on their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary! We would also like to wish Dot a very happy 80th birthday. Dot & Derek have also raised an amazing £550 for church funds – **Thank you very much to both of you.**

**Thank you** to all members of the congregation for their part, however small, in thanking and saying goodbye to Rev Rebecca on Sunday 14th. Please keep Rebecca and Daisy in your prayers as they prepare for their move.

**Cleaning rota:** We are in real need of cleaners to join our cleaning rota – can you help? Please speak to Father Neil or Ronnie if you can help.

**This notice sheet** is now available to download from our church website. Visit the “What’s On” menu link or go direct by using the address: [www.saintpeterschurchchorley.co.uk/blog](http://www.saintpeterschurchchorley.co.uk/blog). If using a mobile device, use the “select page” bar at the top of your screen to access a drop down menu, and select ‘weekly notice sheet’.

**Chorley Deanery Mission:** Come and See! Over the 17th-19th May, churches across Chorley Deanery will be hosting fabulous events and encouraging people to come to our churches to encounter Christ for themselves as part of a big Mission event called ‘Come And See’. More information on this as it develops – in the meantime, we’re all being encouraged to pray for our Deanery and for those who will meet Christ over the mission weekend:

*Father God, who invites all people to come and see: be with us, we pray, as we seek to reach out in our parishes to invite others to meet Jesus, who we have found to be life itself. Amen.*

Our mission event will take place on **Saturday 18th May at 3pm** – La Bamba will perform a 60s music concert in church, and we will follow with hotpot and refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Remember in your prayers:

*Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.*

***Those who have asked for our prayers:***

Derek Morgan, Brenda Feeney, Eileen Downs, Sarah (Sally) Price, Beryl Diggles, Alison Feeney, Dean Haworth, Thelma Warburton, Geoff, Diane Aspinall, Keith Wallbank, the Rev’d Mo Baldwin, Debbie Cope, Stephanie Price, Thomas Kerr, Gavin Elly, Nicola Kennedy, Helen Riding, Pam McLoughlin.

***all recently departed, especially those known to us;***

Jennifer Woods, Cassian James Love.

***those who we remember at this time:***

Simon Foulkes, Carole Strickland, George Oliver Brown

Phyllis Walker, Patricia Margaret Cheetham, Fanny Gaskell, Emily Holden, William Burgess, Duncan Hitchen, Fred Taylor

Bertha Bamber, Darren Woods

**To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested.**

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, please email [**chorleystp.office@gmail.com**](mailto:chorleystp.office@gmail.com)

**Hymns**

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| **186** | **35** | **654, 434, 156** | **540** |

**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.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 4.5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, 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, 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. This Jesus is  
“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
   it has become the cornerstone.”  
There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

**Second Reading:** **1 John 3.16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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?

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

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. 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.

**Gospel: John 10.11-18**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.’

**Post-communion prayer**

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.

**Amen.­­­­­­­­­­­­**

**The LYCiG Prayer for Church Growth**

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church: Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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