

# The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley

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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### COMING UP AT ST PETERS'

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	All Age Eucharist with Parade
	6pm	Youth Group
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Holy Eucharist
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	3pm	Holy Matrimony
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist

## Notices.

All application forms for the electoral roll must be received by 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Family chocolate bingo & raffle - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7pm-9.30pm in St Peter's Meeting Room.

The second Sunday of the month parade service will now be an All-Age Eucharist and will include Holy Communion.

School applications. Please remember to get your church attendance form signed at the end of the service. Forms are available from the back of church.

The APCM will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May during the 10am Parish Eucharist.

For anyone who needs to complete training on Basic/Foundation and Domestic Abuse –there is a course at St Laurence's on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm.

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### 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:**

the Rev'd Mo Baldwin, Pam McLoughlin, Beryl Diggles, Dot Bolan, Debbie Cope, Jeff Morgan, Cassie Wilson, Amanda Smith, Dorothy Treadwell, Joan Baxendale, Joe Warburton, Kim and Cole Leighton & family.

**All recently departed:** Michael Seth Atherton

**We pray for:** Stacy Evans & Niall Leighton Anderson-Kerry as they are joined in Holy Matrimony.

**those who we remember at this time:** Lindsay Burton Joyce Turkington, Elizabeth Jean Holmes, Allan Newman Grace Douglas, Leah Tromans, June Elsdon, William Burgess.

**To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested and permission from the person named is given.**

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

### PASTORAL VISITS & HOME COMMUNION

If you, a member of your family, or a friend would value a pastoral visit or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please do get in touch with Fr. Cornelius directly. He would be very happy to arrange a convenient time to call upon you.

You can reach him by email

at [cornelius@stlaurencechorley.co.uk](mailto:cornelius@stlaurencechorley.co.uk) or by phone or message on 07592 838726.

**HYMNS.**

<b>305</b>	<b>SHEET</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>201</b>
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**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**

*We sit to attend to the scriptures*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**The Reading | Acts 2.14a, 22-32**

But Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd: "My fellow Jews, and all of you who are in Jerusalem, listen to me. Pay attention to what I have to say.

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you by the miracles, wonders, and signs God did through him. You all know this, because it happened right here among you. Jesus was given to you, and you killed him. With the help of evil men you nailed him to a cross. But God knew all this would happen. This was God's plan which he had made long ago. God raised Jesus from death. God set him free from the pain of death. Death could not hold him. For David said this about him:

'I keep the Lord before me always.  
Because he is close by my side,  
I will not be hurt.  
So I am glad, and I rejoice.  
Even my body has hope.

This is because you will not leave me in the grave.  
You will not let your Holy One rot.  
You will teach me God's way to live.

Being with you will fill me with joy.' *Psalm 16:8-11*

"Brothers, I can tell you truly about David, our ancestor. He died and was buried. His grave is still here with us today. David was a prophet and knew what God had said. God had promised David that he would make a person from David's family a king just as he was. David knew this before it happened. That is why he said:

'He was not left in the grave. His body did not rot.'

David was talking about the Christ rising from death. So Jesus is the One who God raised from death! And we are all witnesses to this.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**The Holy Gospel – John 20.19-31**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

It was the first day of the week. That evening Jesus' followers were together. The doors were locked, because they were afraid of the Jews. Then Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. His followers were very happy when they saw the Lord.

Then Jesus said again, "Peace be with you! As the Father sent me, I now send you." After he said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Thomas (called Didymus) was not with the followers when Jesus came. Thomas was 1 of the 12. The other followers told Thomas, "We saw the Lord."

But Thomas said, "I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands. And I will not believe until I put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side."

A week later the followers were in the house again. Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy."

Jesus did many other miracles before his followers that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post-communion prayer**

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.**

**Please join us for refreshments after the service.**