

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley

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Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

COMING UP AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 5 th April Easter Day	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Festal Eucharist
Wednesday 8 th April	10am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday 11 th April	9am	Lego Church
Sunday 12 th April	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	All Age Eucharist with Parade
	6pm	Youth Group

- New church attendance signing sheets** – From 11th April parents/carers will be required to get a form signed each week by a member of clergy or the church wardens. The new forms (you will need one per child) can be collected from the back of church or can be downloaded or email the office for a copy.
- There are places available on the Parochial Church Council (PCC)** PCCs meet from time to time to discuss things to do with the church. However, PCCs are charities, and their members are Charity Trustees, which brings with it some accountabilities for the members. If you are interested in joining the PCC please speak to Fr Cornelius for more details. Nomination forms can be downloaded [here](#) or email the [office](#).
- The APCM** will take place on 24th May during the 10am Parish Eucharist.

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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:

those who we remember at this time: Herman Williams, George Edward Dewland, Marjorie Wilkinson, Sandra Arnold, Bishop David Stewart Cross, Joan Brownley, Ivor Harry Monks Pinner, Alan Aspinall, John Widdows, John "Geoff" Haydock, Elizabeth Sharrock, Olive Mary Roberts, Deborah Katrina Calvert, Annie Downs, Baby Thomas Aspinall, Elsie Sadler, Zena Watson, Elizabeth Heath, Emma Harling, Keith Bowling, Jean Cross, Les Cave.

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.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer

Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you. Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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Collect.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

We sit to attend to the scriptures

Liturgy of the Word

The Reading | Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

All stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel – John 20.1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-communion prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please join us for refreshments after the service.