



**The Parish Church of St. Peter  
West Blatchington**  
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**28th April 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

Mass Setting: St Thomas Mass

Hymns: 125; 271; 118; 112 (\*denotes from the yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Eucharist with Celebrant Erika Howard

Please join us for refreshments in the Community Centre after the service.

☞ **The Collect** - 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.

☞ **First Reading - Acts 5. 27-32**— When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

☞ **Psalm Response** - 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.'

☞ **Second Reading - Revelation 1. 4-8** - John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

☞ **Gospel Reading - John 20. 19-31**— When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

☞ **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.

***For our prayers:***

***The Anglican Communion:*** for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu

***Our Diocese:*** Bishop Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham and his office

***Our Parish:*** especially those who live in Eridge Road and Fallowfield Close and for the Sacristans

***The sick and those in any kind of need:*** Alex, Chris, LC, Laurence Jeffery, Wendy Colyer, Marion Langton, Ann O'Neil, Daphne Button, Sophie, Daphne Bridle, Ray Batchelor, David Keeling, Father Daniel, Zoe Smith and family, Shirley Axten.

***Those in need of continual prayer:*** Cathy Carter, Jackie Wood, Linda Wallis, Will Newman, Georgina Watts, Margaret Steer, Christine Browning, Isabel Batchelor, George Bennett, Peter Chapman, Margaret Dolle.

**We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed: Father Keith Wood and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember:** Anna-Sophie Bunker-Fellingham 28th, Rachel Dumbrell, Bunny Warren, Ken Leverton, Michael Smith, Cissie Hodson 29th, May Till 30th, Augusta Ratty, Pat Hampson 2nd May, Dorothy Canning 3rd, Pat Moore 4th

### Pew News

**St Peter's Pastoral Care Group** - Our Pastoral Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter. Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home? Please contact, in the first instance, Carol Gander on 01273 555414.

**Friday Coffee Mornings** - They will now be held on the first Friday of every month only. Sign up sheet at the back of Church if you are able to help. Please come along and join us for conversation and friendship between 10.30am and 12pm.

**Charity of the Month** - We are supporting the Allsorts Dog Rescue as our charity for April. Information on the charity, together with donation boxes, are at the back of Church, should you wish to contribute.

**APCM** - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held today after the Parish Eucharist. We aim to start for 11.15am. The meeting will be chaired by William Holden and everyone is welcome to attend. The Year End Accounts and Activities Booklet are ready for collection at the back of Church. They are to be read in conjunction with the APCM.

**Evening Prayer** - We regret there will be no evening prayer on Tuesday this week.

**Church Opening** - We will once again be opening our doors on Sunday afternoons between 3.30pm & 5.00pm beginning on the 5th May. A sign up sheet is at the back of Church if you are able to help man the Church. Your support would be much appreciated.

**Easter Services** - Thank you to everyone that attended the beautiful services that were held at St Peter's over Easter. Also thank you to Father John Joyce for being the celebrant throughout the week, to Zanita for being the server and to

Denes and the choir for their amazing singing. A special thank you goes out to Keith for making sure everything went according to plan in the absence of Jonathan, William, David & Mandy.

***This Week at St Peter's***

**Sunday 28th**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)**  
(Readings: Acts 5. 27-32, Revelation 1. 4-8, John 20. 19-31)  
**11.15 APCM in Church**

**Wednesday 1st May**

**10.00 Morning Prayer**  
12.00-14.00 Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank at St George's

**Friday 3rd**

10.30 Coffee morning drop in

**Sunday 5th**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 Family Eucharist with Uniformed Groups (No Sunday School)**  
(Readings: Acts 9. 1-6, John 21. 1-19)