

Our **Daily Bread**: these Bible study booklets for the next few months are now available. Please call the Parish Office on 01793 853272 if you would like a copy delivered.

Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan: pray for the newly elected Assistant Bishop of Khartoum, Canon Fajak Avajani, head of the ECS Bible Translation Department, and for his wife Cici. Pray that this appointment will bring great benefits to the Diocese of Khartoum and also to the Church throughout the Province of Sudan as Archbishop Ezekiel is enabled to share his work as he exercises his wider ministry throughout the Province and at national level.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 19; Deuteronomy 1:3-18; John 20:1-10

Tuesday: Psalm 8; Deuteronomy 1:19-40; John 20:11-18

Wednesday: Psalm 30; Deuteronomy 3:18-end; John 20:19-end

Thursday: Psalm 28; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; John 21:1-14

Friday: Psalm 61; Deuteronomy 4:15-31; John 21:15-19

Saturday: Psalm 84; Deuteronomy 4:32-40; John 21:20-end

Sunday: Psalm 77:11-20; Isaiah 63:7-15; I Corinthians 10:1-13

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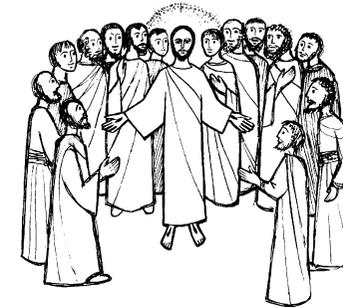
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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.

Weekly News

11th April 2021



This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting... will be held on **Monday 24th May at 7pm**, and once again on Zoom.

This is your chance to come and find out what we have been up to over the last 12 months, and a chance to look ahead and see what we might like to do in the future.

Our churchwardens and PCC members are all elected at this meeting – so please consider whether you would like to come on to the PCC this time round.

All are welcome to attend – and those on the Electoral Roll can even vote – so if you are not already on the Electoral Roll (the church's membership list) please contact the Parish Office for an application form.

The necessary Zoom link and information/advice will be available in due course, so why not zoom in and have a say in what St Bart's should be doing for our town.

Giving thanks for our vaccines ...

To donate to Christian Aid / Salisbury Diocese's project helping protect those who don't have access to vaccines in our link dioceses in South Sudan please click here:

<https://events.tapsimple.org/page/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-in-the-diocese-of-salisbury>

Sunday 11th April 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

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. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4.32-35

³²The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1.1-2.2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have

fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ¹²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL READING: John 20.19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on 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.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.'

²⁶A 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.' ²⁷Then 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.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.