

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 ongoing work of the ECS Bible Translation Department, for the teams who have resumed work on the Ruwa, Toco and Barta projects and for financial needs throughout the Department. Pray for skill and wisdom in selecting the right equipment and that funds become available for this and other running costs and staff needs.

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

Monday: Psalm 96; Deuteronomy 5:1-22; Ephesians 1:1-14

Tuesday: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 5:22-end; Ephesians 1:15-end

Wednesday: Psalm 105; Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 2:1-10

Thursday: Psalm 136; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; Ephesians 2:11-end

Friday: Psalms 5, 146; Joshua 1:1-9; Ephesians 6:10-20

Saturday: Psalm 110; Deuteronomy 8; Ephesians 3:14-end

Sunday: Psalm 119:89-96; Nehemiah 7:73b – 8:12; /Luke 24:25-32

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

Weekly News

18th 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 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.

Farewell and thank you to Ollie ...

Following Ollie's news that he will be taking up a new post in St Alban's diocese - Team Vicar in the Aldenham, Radlett and Shenley Team – we are beginning to think about how we might say farewell to him and Mariama. More information will be forthcoming. For the time-being however if you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please leave your donation in a suitably marked envelope at the Parish office. Thank you.

Sunday 18th April 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 3.12-19*

¹²Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

SECOND READING: *1 John 3.1-7*

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24.36b-48*

³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'