



19th April 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter

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Notices

Welcome to Our Guests

A warm welcome today to the Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor and their consorts, our Member of Parliament and other distinguished guests.

Big Cream Tea Appeal

Our annual Big Cream Tea will take place from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Sunday 17th May. Would you like to contribute? There is a list at the back of the church to offer scones or jam. Donations of cash towards the bouncy castle would also be gratefully received and may be handed to the churchwardens or to Liz Holland.

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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 701

Offertory hymn 742

Communion anthems

Recessional hymn 119

Music setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Here is Love

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 20th April John 6: 22 – 29

10.15 am Communion, The Old Rectory

2.30 pm Viewing of *The Chosen*

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 21st April John 6: 30 – 35

7.00 pm Deanery Synod,
St Michael's, Alphington

Wed 22nd April John 6: 35 – 40

12.00 noon Eucharist

6.00 pm Standing committee meets

Thu 23rd April John 15: 18 – 21

11.30 am Funeral of Margaret Tayler

2.30 pm Funeral of Peter Lynch

Both of these funerals will take place at St Peter's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium

Fri 24th April John 6: 52 – 59

10.30 am Coffee morning

Sat 25th April Mark 13: 5 – 13

Next Sunday: 26th April

4th Sunday of Easter John 10: 1 – 10

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

TODAY

6.00 pm Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Reading: Acts 2: 14 & 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, [...] 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

