

## Reflection for Easter 2

Has the euphoria of Easter “worn off”, or are you still “buzzing” after the Worship we shared through Holy Week culminating with the joyous Celebration we had on Easter Day, when we welcomed so many into St Thomas Church?

My prayer is that we can continue with that message, that excitement as we look forward to whatever plans God has for St Thomas as we prepare to write a new Chapter in our continuing life together in this part of God’s world.

Like those early Disciples we can’t grow if we hide behind closed doors in our buildings and in our hearts.

Fr Terry



**NEXT SUNDAY 19.04.26 Third Sunday of Easter**

10.30am in the Church



OT 1 Peter 1: 17-23  
NT Acts 2: 14a, 36-41  
GOSPEL Luke 24: 13-35

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# St Thomas, Exeter

**12th April 2026**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**10.30am in the Church**

### Today

**Sung Eucharist**

*Hymn Numbers*

25 *Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and  
voices raise*

270 *Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice  
proclaimed it.*

188 *Guide me, O thou great redeemer*

495 *The strife is o'er, the battle done*

### Tuesday 14th April

**7.30pm** House Group at Helen's house

### Wednesday 15th April

**10am** Holy Communion (BCP)

### Thursday 16th April

**9.30-11am** St Thomas Tots

**10.30am-12noon** Knit & Natter at Jenny  
Tuckett's house.

### Friday 17th April

**9.30am** Morning Prayers

**10am** Staff Meeting

### Saturday 18th April

**9am** St Thomas Breakfast at the Sawyers.

Open to all. Postponed from 11th April



## 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**

## 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your

Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

## John 20: 19-end

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

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. **Amen**

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## Notices

With the **APCM** fast approaching it is time for the church electoral roll to be revised. If you are already on the roll and wish to remain there you don't need to do anything, but if you would like to be added or know of someone who may be interested please speak to Carolyn Bryant (Electoral Roll Officer), or Ian or Sarah after the service. Forms are available in church and Carolyn can be contacted on 07780 707183 if you have any questions. The forms should be returned by Sunday 12th April.

Please continue to hold our search for a new rector in your prayers and pray that the Lord will be calling the right person, preparing those who are involved in the selection process to have good judgement and discernment and that the Lord will prepare us to work with our new rector when they are installed later this year.

## Exeter Pride is on Saturday 9th May.

Christians at Pride and Open Table Exeter will be participating in the March together with banners. Open Table will have a stand at the festival in Northernhay. Do join in! Email [exeter@opentable.lgbt](mailto:exeter@opentable.lgbt) for more information.

**Rev Sarah** is away until Wednesday 15th April.