



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 2:42-47

Response to the Psalm: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Dear Parishioners

Even if we have been Christian for decades, we all find that very often our faith is a tender flower, a wavering flame. Even if St John did write his Gospel for unbelievers, we too need to come to faith anew every day, to allow the Word of God to resurrect our faith once more. We are all frequently in the same situation as those early Christians who were perhaps converted by their first encounter with St John's Gospel, and we are frequently in the same situation as St Thomas was in that upper room. We doubt, we long for a deeper, firmer, more convincing encounter with the Risen Christ to give us that conviction that we lack. Jesus, in his infinite compassion, gave Thomas what he sought, and he will not deny it to us either, though it may come in a slightly different way. Today we put our fingers into the marks of the crucifixion, inviting Jesus to mould us, to conform our hearts and our lives to his merciful life and his sacrificial death. Today we place our hands into the side of Jesus to be washed clean by the water and the blood. Today, as we embrace our risen Lord with Thomas, not seeing him in his human form but recognising him in the breaking of bread, Jesus breathes upon us also his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of mercy and love, the Spirit of courage and power, the Spirit which makes us truly alive with the new Easter life of the Crucified and Risen Lord.

God Bless
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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**2nd Sunday of Easter Year A
Week commencing Sunday 12th April 2026**

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. She can be contacted at: sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Masses

Sat 11 th April	5.30pm	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Paul Bunn RIP
Sun 12 th April	10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Keith Cotterell RIP
Mon 13 th April			
Tues 14 th April			
Wed 15 th April			Private Intention
Thurs 16 th April			People of the Parish
Fri 17 th April			
Sat 18 th April	5.00pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Jim Fallon RIP
Sun 19 th April	10.30am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Cathy Glasbey RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Agnes Wilkins, Alma Finnerty, Bud Sollis, Agnes Finn, Ken Faulkner, John Butler.

Those who have recently died:

Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker, Georgette Cowell, Anthony Mathew, John Knox, Bill McCarthy, Bernadette Mary Parker, Mary Phipps, Alan Clatworthy, Abbot Finbar Kealy OSB, Katherine McCallion, Fr. Boniface Moran OSB, Richard Thornton-Pett, Mary Scally, Fr. Anthony Rohan, James Joseph Flynn, Stan Phipps, Sheila Eastham, Michael Howell, **Cathy Glasbey, Jim Fallon** and all those for whom we have been asked to pray.

INFORMATION

Sunday Coffee

Please come and join us for coffee and biscuits.

The next coffee morning will be on Sunday the 26th April. Thank you to Alane & Mike .

A new list, for volunteers to sign up, is now available at the back of church. Please do help and try to sign up for a couple of times a year. Thank you.

Second Collection.

The second weekly collection will normally be for help towards the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed, so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority.

Because of the age of the buildings the work is continuous and ongoing.

On occasion there will be other second collections and these will be noted above.

Unwanted Gifts

So that we can keep the bric-a-brac table stocked, we are appealing for any unwanted gifts and any contemporary paperback fiction please.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Bring & Buy table, your support is really appreciated.

Please leave any donations for the table in the black box at the back of the church and not directly on the table in the conservatory.

Thank you for your help.

Graveyard

We still have several glass vases being used in the graveyard, even though H & S have asked us not to do so. These can cause harm when the gardener is strimming if they are caught and smashed. Please can you remove them as soon as possible or we will need to do so. Many Thanks.