

# ✠ 2nd Sunday of Easter ✠

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 12th April 2026

### 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 2:14a, 22-32)

A reading from the book of Acts.  
Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 'Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'" 'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING:

(1 Peter 1.3-9)

A reading from the first letter of Peter.  
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love

him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

(John 20.19-31)

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Risen Lord, as we offer these gifts, strengthen our faith in your living presence. Help us, like Thomas, to trust you and proclaim you as Lord, and to live in the peace you give. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER 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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## ✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

NOTICES FOR 12th APRIL 2026

WELCOME – ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL** – a meeting of the PCC of Chorley St George and All Saints' will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th April in St George's Church Hall to approve the accounts for 2025.

**APM & APCM** – (Annual Parochial, & Annual Parochial Church Meetings.) This is just a reminder that these will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at All Saints' Primary School starting at 7:30pm. During the meetings we need to elect the Churchwardens for the parish, in our case we need to elect a total of four, two for each of our parish churches. We also have electable positions available for four PCC Members and three Deanery Synod Representatives. Nominations forms are available at the back of church for anyone interested in seeking election to any of these positions, noting certain eligibility criteria must be met.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** – meets again on Wednesday 15th April at 7:30pm. Venue: 24 Clydesdale Drive.

**THURSDAY LADIES THEATRE VISIT** – on Thursday 16th April; meet at Chorley Theatre for 7:15pm. Ring Barbara Horsfield if any queries. 07763140139

**VISIT BY ARCHDEACON JANE ATKINSON** – next Sunday 19th April, the Archdeacon of Blackburn will be here at St George's, and will Preside and preach at our 9:30am Eucharist service. Please come along and give a welcome Archdeacon Jane for her first visit to us.

**ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE** - join us on Sunday 26th April @ 9:30am as both congregations celebrate our Patronal Festival of St George (no 11:00am service at All Saints') followed by fellowship and lunch. Bring food to share, drinks will be provided. Please sign the list at the back of church for seating purposes. Thank you.

**MOTHERS' UNION** - on 9th May St. George's & All Saints' MU are holding a 'Craft Fair' celebrating the 150th Anniversary Challenge given to all our branches. If you are a 'crafter' and wish to sell your wares: table tops cost £10. St. George's Church Hall is the venue, coffee and homemade cake for a small charge, 10 - 2. (Enquiries to Joanne Salisbury, (tel: 07974 451740) Entry to the event is free.

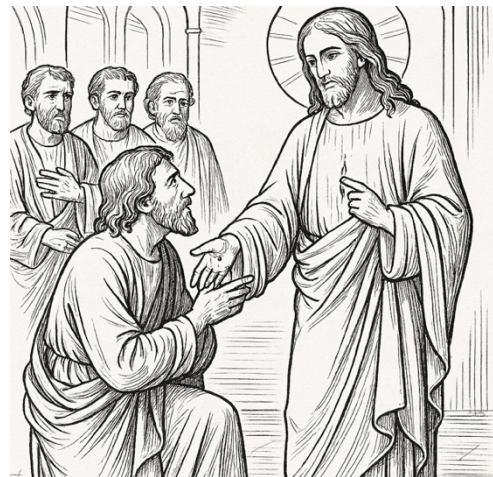
### Our hymns this morning:

Processional **754** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
Gradual **103** Christ the Lord is risen again  
Offertory **9** Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven  
Communion **Choir: Rogers – Peace, faith and hope**  
**365** Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
**66** Be still and know that I am God  
Post Comm **252** Guide me O thou great redeemer

**ST GEORGE'S DAMS AGM** - is to be held on the 17th April at 7.30pm in the church hall; everyone is welcome to come along.

**THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2026** - is a legal document. This month, before the APCM on April 28th is held, an annual review of the roll will be conducted, and a display notification of the review will appear on March 15th. Revision and preparation of the roll will take place between April 7th and April 11th and be compiled and is displayed in church **TODAY** April 12th.  
*Sara Shingler – Electoral Roll Officer.*

**CONFIRMATION 2026** – the confirmation service is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm, at All Saints'. Anyone interested please contact Fr Jordan for more details.



*Jesus said, "Stop doubting and believe."  
Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'*

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Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank, Jonathan Yates, Margaret Salisbury, Simon Newell, Dorothy Treadwell, Marjorie Baxendale, Audrey Clark**

The recently departed:

**George Donnelly, Peter Elkins, David Guest**  
Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:  
**Lily Heartfield, Doris Bagshaw, Keith Bowling, Nellie Roden, James Bretherton, Beckie Logie.**