



**St Andrew
& St Mark**
Surbiton

Low Sunday
Sunday 19th April 2020

A very warm welcome to our church community.

Our church buildings may be closed but we are open and connected to God and each other through worship, prayer and service to each other. Please use this sheet as a basis of worship either this Sunday or whenever you wish to spend time in prayer and reflection. It contains the readings and hymns for the Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday) 19th April 2020.

This Sunday we will be worshipping together via Zoom, an online capacity to view the service with others. Please see the weekly email from Michael with the invitation to the service. If you do not currently receive this e-mail please contact the Parish office via email or call Michael on 07748455773

Sermons are accessible on Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqaB8-K9h736BEP35QEbuqw/featured>

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with St Andrew and St Mark Church

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How can I stay in touch?

Parish website:

www.surbitonchurch.org.uk

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch

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Useful links during these different & difficult times:

Kingston Council: To make sure vulnerable Kingston residents get the help they need during the coronavirus pandemic, the council has launched a new online and phone service. Please visit their website: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/> or phone **020 8547 5000**

Stronger Together Food Appeal: Food bank please contact to make donations and to access help: info@kingston.foodbank.co.uk

Love Kingston: is launching an urgent donations appeal to help people most in need.
<https://localgiving.org/appeal/Kingston-covid19appeal/>

Collect for the Second Sunday in Easter (Low Sunday)

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 and living 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.

First Reading Reader

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Peter Stokes

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'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.

Second Reading Reader

1 Peter 1:3-9
Eileen Wingrove

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.

Gospel Reader

John 20:19-end
Rev'd Carole Bourne

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.

Address

Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring

Intercessions

Jackie Robbs

Final Hymn

He who would valiant be
(To be a pilgrim)

A prayer for these times

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

For your prayer:

For all those ill with Coronavirus, we pray for comfort and healing.
For all those working in hospitals and with the vulnerable, we pray for wisdom and strength.
For all those in power we pray for wisdom and insight.
For all those we love we pray for peace.

For prayer: Mary Rice Nancy Vlasto Moira Frau
Margaret Parker John Fowler Rita Burrows
Colston Hartley Jean Webber Denise Jones
Michael Vaughan Sue Paine Margaret Voysey
Dinyar Peter Holmes Margaret

RIP: Andy Christmas

Church of England Daily Prayer

Follow this link for daily morning, midday, evening and night prayer, in both contemporary and traditional English:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Alternatively, download the "Daily Prayer: from the CofE" app for free.