

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.  
Week Commencing 28th April 2019

*The Lord is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 28th April**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

Please stay and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea in the hall after the service. A children's corner is at the back of the church.

**Services for W/C 28th April**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon Mid-day prayers  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 10 am said Eucharist  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am said Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30 am Informal Family Service led by Irene.

**We pray for those who are sick:-** Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Alexei, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath, Stewart Kirby, Nesta Pearman, Hazel Richards, Heather, Ben Crawford, John, Carol Tolley, Talisein together with their families

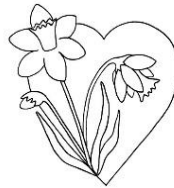
*We pray for the soul of Janie Kirby recently departed and hold her husband Stewart and their two children in our prayers.*

**Nightstop Foodbank:** There is a box at the rear of the church in which food and toiletry gifts can be placed.

**Good Friday Workshop:** Thanks go to Irene and all those who helped with or took part in the **GFW**. It was a great success again with everyone enjoying the varied activities and shared lunch.

**Spotlight Notices:** Please give notices for inclusion in Spotlight to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at [richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)  
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**Parish AGM 12 noon today in the hall!** Please stay for an hour for this once a year event to review the past year, and listen to and discuss future plans.



**Church Flowers:** Thanks go to Rhonda and her floral team for their beautiful decoration of the church and to all those who contributed foliage and donations towards this.

**Doubting Thomas:** 'I, for one, feel that the epithet given to Thomas after Jesus' appearance to him following the resurrection, is somewhat unfair. Did Thomas act any differently to the other disciples who disbelieved Mary's testimony that she'd seen the risen Lord? What Thomas demanded as the conditions of his belief is no more than what Jesus had already given the others (John 20:20; Luke 24:39).

Perhaps Thomas is a caricature of all the disciples in their disbelief, and the centre of the story is not Thomas but Jesus. At its heart is Jesus' generous and gracious offer of himself, giving Thomas nothing less than he asked for. Jesus' apparent censure of Thomas' conditions are exactly what he needs for faith. His faith is more important than the grounds of his faith. It is, in the end, a story of hope and promise, not judgement and reprimand.'

*The above homily is taken from yesterday's commentary in 'New Daylight' which is a small, paperback book containing daily bible readings, plus a commentary for each day of the year. A few people in the congregation already receive the booklet 3 times a year at a total price of just £13. If you'd like to receive 'New Daylight' please see Richard Porteous.*

