

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
 who in your great mercy gladdened
 the disciples
 with the sight of the risen Lord:
 give us such knowledge of his
 presence with us,
 that we may be strengthened and
 sustained by his risen life
 and serve you continually in
 righteousness and truth;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our
 Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Or Zephaniah 3:14-end

PSALM Psalm 4

R *In peace, in peace I will lie down and sleep.*

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
 you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
 how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood? **R**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;
 commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. **R**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, "Who will show us any good?"

Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive

you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Or Acts 3:12-19

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
 your Son made himself known to his disciples
 in the breaking of bread:
 open the eyes of our faith,
 that we may see him in all his
 redeeming work;
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.





14 April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

- **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** There will be a Confirmation Service on 22 May, 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Alfriston, and we shall be taking our own candidates for confirmation to this service. There will be four Saturday morning classes from 10.15–12 starting on 27 April, and a guided Mass to explain the different parts of our worship. Please contact the Rector for further information.
- **PRAYER WORKSHOPS** Following the Lent prayer workshops, it has been decided to hold a follow-up session on Monday 22 April at 2pm at St Peter's. All those who attended the course are welcome to attend. *Fr Joe*
- **Fr JOE is away** until 22 April, on retreat and then on leave.
- **DRAFT ACCOUNTS** are now at the back of church for people to look at ahead of the APCM on 28 April.
- **HYMN REQUESTS** Eleanor has put a box at the back of church for hymn requests — if there's a hymn that you appreciate but we haven't sung for a while – or you think we should sing more, please do write it down and Eleanor will make a list!

A BLUFFER'S GUIDE TO CINEMA

This talk by Ian Perry at 2.30 on Thursday 18 April starts our 2024 East Blatchington Lectures season. Beginning with a look at what led to the creation of cinema, Ian will be showing an eclectic mix of clips from Hove film makers of the 1890s, through silent films, classic Hollywood and British movies to more recent films, including the work of Hitchcock, Orson Welles and Spielberg.

EAST BLATCHINGTON LECTURES

ARCHWAY GOSPELISH CHOIR

are holding a concert in church:
Thursday 18 April
in aid of St Peter's church funds.
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start.
Tickets £7 at the door or in advance from
<https://www.archwaychoirs.com/performances>

OFFERTORY If you feel moved to donate at the end of the service, please know that there is a collection plate and a contactless card machine at the back of church. Thank you!

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK	
Saturday	5.30pm – Parish Eucharist
Sunday	8am – BCP Holy Communion
	10am – Parish Eucharist - <i>also livestreamed</i> Hymns: 563 145 162 [281 & 476] 612
	6pm – Evening Prayer
Monday to Saturday	9.30am – Morning Prayer Also on <i>Facebook Live</i>
Wednesday	10.30am – Midweek Eucharist
Monday & Wednesday	8pm – Compline <i>on Facebook Live</i> Please ask the Rector if you would like a copy of the service.
Bible Group meets in church on Mondays at 2pm. All are welcome.	
'Breathing Space': Mondays, 6pm — half an hour of silence for prayer and contemplation, also available on Zoom (link available from our website). Meeting ID: 851 6436 0499, passcode: letmein.	
Rosary Group: second Tuesday of each month, 6.30pm. Our next meeting will be on 14 May.	

We pray ...

- for those who live outside the parish but worship at St Peter's
- for all who are preparing to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Church of England – and for Tash Tansley, being baptised at St Peter's on 20 April;
- for everyone who is experiencing financial or employment difficulties: may they find the security that they need to live a happy and meaningful life;
- for the 21.4 million people in Ethiopia facing hunger and loss of homes and livelihoods following drought, floods and violence; ask for provisions, resilience, protection and hope in this humanitarian emergency; pray for aid organisations as they work to meet urgent needs;
- for Brian Adams, Amanda Blackburn, Angela Chalkley, Carole Clarke, Stephen Dempster, the Frostick family, Marilyn Haydon, Margaret Johnson, Shirley Linsell, Michael Logan, John Martin, Noellie Monfort, Shirley Pain, Ann Reed, Valerie Skues, Margaret Spooner, those listed in 'Cross Keys' and all who have asked for our prayers;
- for the recently departed: Penny Judd, Miriam Teague;
- for those whose year's minds fall this week: 16: Ann Pullman, Peter Withers; 19: John Robinson, Trevor Baker.

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