

28th April Second Sunday of Easter

## Welcome to St Mary's

Alleluia Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

As the first Easter events unfold the disciples in amazement declare that Christ has risen! However, we know from today's scripture, that for whatever reason, Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared on that first Easter Sunday.

Although known as doubting Thomas, I sense that Thomas is more like us than maybe we would claim to be ourselves. After all, don't we all want to be sure of the facts and review the evidence. So Thomas, maybe wondering if the others had been delusional with grief, wanted to be sure. He wanted to touch the living Jesus whom he knew had died and had been laid in the tomb. A week later Thomas did indeed meet the risen the Lord. No longer doubting, this eye witness of the resurrection, boldly proclaimed My Lord and My God! As the Good News spreads out from Jerusalem it is recorded that it was Thomas who with boldness and confidence took the Good News eastward into India and through his testimony many came to faith in Jesus and still do today.

So don't doubt, trust in Thomas and the many other accounts of the resurrection each one announcing Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*with love from Peter*



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Welcome

Hymn 474 The day of resurrection

Collect for Purity

Confession & Absolution

Collect of the day

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe and the  
hope of those who doubt, may we, who  
have not seen, have faith and receive the  
fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

First Reading Revelation 1.4-8

Hymn 280 Jesus stand among us

Gospel reading John 20.19-31

Sermon

Hymn 279 Jesus stand among us

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn 324 Love's redeeming work is done

Prayer after Communion.

**Father, we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life. Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other; through Jesus Christ  
our risen Lord. Amen**

Blessing

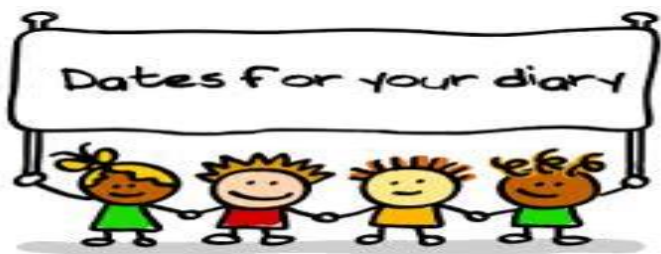
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Hymn 508 This is the day

Dismissal

*Do join us for some refreshments before you go*



As we look forward over the next few months we want to highlight a number of events and activities you may be interested in.

Saturday 4th May COFFEE AT MARY'S  
at St Mary's 10.30am

Thursday 9th May Knitting GROUP  
NEWBYRES NURSING Home 10am

Saturday 11th May CAR TREASURE HUNT  
Starting at St Leonard's ending  
somewhere with food and worship  
Sign up and join in the fun.

Saturday 25th May MESSY CHURCH  
4pm—6pm St Mary's

Wednesday 29th May MESSY CHURCH  
4pm-6pm St Leonard's

May 30th.-.June 9th  
THY KINGDOM COME  
A call to purposefully pray the  
Lord's prayer every day and join in  
with a global prayer movement

Saturday 8th June DAY OF PRAYER  
St Leonard's host a 12hour, 10am-10pm  
Creative Prayer event.  
There will be various prayer stations to  
guide how we pray or just come and sit  
in the stillness of the church.  
Come for a few minutes, an hour or as  
long as you can.

Saturday June 22nd – FAMILY FUN DAY  
Hosted at St Leonard's  
with barbeque, games, teas, scavenger  
hunt and other activities for all ages.

Saturday June 29th MESSY CHURCH BBQ  
St Mary's from 4pm



Join with us for coffee and catch up with friends  
at Coffee at Mary's

We meet on the First Saturday of each Month.

May 4th, June 1st July 6th and August 3rd

From 10.30am to 12 Noon

**Home Baking Stall on Sat May 4th**



## **Watoto African Children's Choir Concert**

As well as the main Worship event on

**Wednesday 15th at St John's & Kings park**

the Choir will also be leading worship on Tuesday

**14th May in the Full Gospel Church**

Both events are free although an offering will be  
uplifted during the worship to raise funds for the  
ongoing work of the Watoto Choir.