

# The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



## **Hymns at Today's Eucharist**

Introit 110 - Jesus Christ is risen to-day

Gradual 117 - The day of resurrection!

Offertory (s)90 - This is the day, this is the day

Communion 115 - Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Final 120 - Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

## **Services at St James' this Week**

**Wednesday at 9.30am. - Said Eucharist**

**Thursday at 6.00pm. - Family Service**

**Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am. Sung Eucharist**

***Please note the new time of the Service***

## The Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch. 10: 34-43)

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Please stand to listen to:

## The Gospel of St Luke (Ch 24: 1-12)

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered Jesus' words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Prayers of Intercession

The response to the intercessions is:

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy     **All:** **Hear our prayer.**



### In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, Alan, Amanda, Hilary, June, Justin, Kathleen, Michael

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them including, Ian Smith and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including, Maurice Howarth, William Railton, William Redman,

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for all the Residents and Businesses on Lydgate, Westbury Close, Deerplay Close, Wiswell Close, Croasdale Avenue

In our Deanery, please pray for parishes of St Cuthbert, Burnley & St Luke, Brierfield.

### Mission Prayer

**God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your church. Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

and at the end:

Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The 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.**

## Notices

**Mothers' Union** meets on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00pm. in the Vestry.

The **Church Electoral Roll** is now in the process of being renewed (this happens every 6 years) and everyone who wishes to be on the new Roll needs to complete a new form. The closing date for this to be completed is the **28<sup>th</sup> April**.

Also, a new **Data Protection Form** needs to be completed by every adult who attends church. Forms are available on the Wardens' table for this and the Electoral Roll, and should be returned to church once completed.

### Music for an April Evening

next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm.

at St James Church

Pianists, organist and violin duet

Tickets Adults £5, Children £3, Family £10

*Programme & Refreshments provided*

*Tickets are available from the Wardens' table.*



Donations towards the **Easter Flowers** can be given to Alec or Janet. Please use a yellow gift aid envelope, mark it 'Flower Fund,' and complete the declaration if you are a UK tax payer.



Please join us in the vestry for **refreshments** after this service, and also on Wednesday mornings after the 9.30am Eucharist

### Our Vision Statement

Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps, to be a prayerful, worshipping church who welcomes all to know his gracious love.



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