



# St Matthew's Church

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## Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Welcome to St Matthew's, Wimbledon. Our services today are:

**8.00am Said Mass & 9.30am All Age Mass**

**Opening Voluntary**

*I know that my redeemer liveth (from Messiah, Part III)*

*- G F Handel (1685 - 1759)*

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day up the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. *Job 19, vv. 25, 26; 1 Cor 15, v. 20*

### Processional Hymn - Colours of Day (NHWS45)

Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up,  
the night is behind.  
Go down in the city, into the street,  
and let's give the message  
to the people we meet.

*Chorus*      *So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return,  
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

2 Go through the park,  
on into the town;  
the sun still shines on;  
it never goes down.  
The light of the world  
is risen again;  
the people of darkness  
are needing our friend.

*Chorus*

3 Open your eyes,  
look into the sky,  
the darkness has come,  
the sun came to die.  
The evening draws on,  
the sun disappears,  
but Jesus is living,  
and his Spirit is near.

*Chorus*

### **The Collect**

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 of living and 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. Amen.

### **First Reading**

*Acts 4.32-35*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,  
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything  
they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their  
testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon  
them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned  
lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.  
They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had  
need.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus said, You believe because you can see me:  
happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

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.

**Offertory Hymn - The Servant King (NHWS 82)**

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.

*Chorus      This is our God, the Servant King,  
                 He calls us now to follow him,  
                 To bring our lives as a daily offering  
                 Of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.  
*Chorus.*

3 Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.  
*Chorus*

4 So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.  
*Chorus.*

### **Communion Antiphon**

Jesus spoke to Thomas, put your hand here  
and see the place of the nails: doubt no longer but believe, Alleluia.

### **Communion Hymn - Peace, perfect peace (NHWS267)**

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
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Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord...

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord...

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord...

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord...

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Final Hymn**  
**NEH 457 The King of love my shepherd is**

**Closing Voluntary**  
*Chorale prelude Christus lag in Todesbande*  
*(Christ lay in the chains of death) BWV 625 - J S Bacj (1685 - 1750)*

**News and Notices**

Fr Alastair is away on holiday with his family this week (back in from 13<sup>th</sup> April). Many **THANKS** to Sally Leeson for taking our services this Sunday and Wednesday.

Our **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** is coming up on 12<sup>th</sup> May, immediately after the 0930 service. This is a chance to review the past year in church, and appoint those who help to lead the church: Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps, and District Church Council (leadership team) members. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please speak to Fr Alastair or the current wardens (Jane and William).

Hot on the heels of the ACM is our **MAY FAIR**. We'll be putting out sign-up sheets in due course, but please keep the date clear in your diary (18<sup>th</sup> May). It's also time to start holding onto old books, bric-a-brac, new gifts and toys and bottles for our various stalls. Watch this space for more info!

Bookings are already open for our next **MESSY CHURCH** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Details here: <https://www.stmatthewswimbledon.org/messychurch>

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May @8pm, Team Ascension Day Service, St Matthew's
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May @11pm, Annual Church Meeting
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, May Fair
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June @3pm, Messy Church, St Matthew's School



## PARISH NEWS

**TEAM PRAYERS** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at St Matthew's

**Christian Aid Car Boot Sale St Mary's Field Saturday 11 May 2024**

See St Mary's website for details

**Merton Interfaith Walk Saturday 13 April 11am Wimbledon Station**

A 5k challenge walk to visit local Merton Faith Sites:

The Fazl London Mosque, Wimbledon Synagogue, Buddhapadipa Temple, St Mary's (C of E) Church, Shree Ghanapathy Hindu Temple and other faith sites.

Walk starts at Wimbledon Station (next to the stag artwork) 11am finishes at 3pm but feel free to leave the walk at any stop.

Registration £5 at start of the walk. All proceeds go to The Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action.

### **PCC Treasurer Needed**

Our team of churches needs a treasurer. You would be a trustee of the Charity. The day to day bookkeeping and other routine tasks are going to be outsourced to an accountancy team. We need the Treasurer to oversee the work of the accountancy firm, the finances of the Parish, to advise the PCC on the financial implications of their decisions and help with long term financial planning and investments. You would be a member of the PCC and Standing Committee which meets eleven times a year. For more details of what is involved please speak to me. Mandy

### **Discussions about the future of the Parish of Wimbledon**

The PCC met with the Archdeacon of Lambeth to explore the possibility of the parish becoming a group of parishes, with each of the churches becoming an individual parish. At the end of the meeting we thought that we should share this idea with the wider community so we can think together about whether this is the right thing to do. The Rector has written a paper on the subject to introduce it and the main issues around it. You can find this on St Mary's and the Parish website. The DCC and PCC will be discussing the issue again at their next meetings and we would like to know

what you think. Please speak to your DCC members. This will be a slow process which we will take our time over, but we think it is worth further consideration. A paper can be read here: <https://www.stmaryswimbleton.org/parish-of-wimbleton>

### SERVICES IN THE TEAM – Week Commencing 8 April

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer	Eucharist
<b>Monday</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am		
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	St Mary's 8.45am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	St Matthew's 10am St Mary's 12 noon St Mark's 1pm
<b>Thursday</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am	St Matthew's 5pm	
<b>Friday</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	St Mary's 12noon		

Please email news items by midday Wednesday each week to [sam@parishofwimbleton.org.uk](mailto:sam@parishofwimbleton.org.uk)

St Matthew's Church is open for private prayer at the following times: **Mon-Fri:** 9am-5pm; **Sat:** Closed

Please feel free to come in, say a prayer, and light a candle. The clergy will be saying morning/evening prayer in church at the following times.

### Services this Week

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

10.00am Said Mass (Lady Chapel)

**Thursday**

2.00pm Team Prayers at St Matthew's

**Friday**

### **Next Sunday**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

**Readings:** Acts 3.12-19, 1 John 3.1-7, Luke 24.36b-48

8.00am Said Mass

9.30am Sung Mass

*Want to make a donation towards the work of the church? You can do so here. Thank you!*

