

Wykeham Benefice Pewsheets
Easter 3 April 15th 2018

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he 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.

1 John 3:1-7

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.

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, 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 Prayer

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.

The Week Ahead

Mon 16 th	9am Morning Prayer @ Epwell 6pm Junior Youth Group in Sibford Church
Tue 17 th	9.15am Morning Prayer in Broughton 10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton 7.30pm Evening Discussion Group at Church Farm in Epwell – Dawn’s house
Wed 18 th	8.45am Morning Prayer in Sibford 9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell 10am School Assembly
Thu 19 th	9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe Funeral of Don Partridge
Fri 20 th	Ronald’s Day Off 6.30pm Broughton Choir Practice
Sat 21 st	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford 9.30am – 12noon Deanery Training in Pastoral Care
Sun 22 nd	Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.30am Holy Communion @ Shutford, Sibford (BCP) & Swalcliffe and 9.45 at Epwell 11am Holy Communion @ Broughton & Village Service @ Tadmarton 12.30pm Baptism of Ava Rose Hutchings in Broughton

For our prayers

The peace of the world, particularly in the Middle East
For all civilians caught up in acts of warfare and terrorism
For the leaders of the nations – for their wisdom, strength, compassion, and clear-sightedness
Those we know who are unwell; Christine Ellis, Sue Colquhoun, Doreen Pratt,
The departed; Don Partridge, David Spicer

Baptism Reunion Service

In St Anne’s, Epwell, at 11am on Sunday April 29th there will be a Baptism Reunion Service, for everyone who would like to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows, or would like to bring children, who were maybe babies when they were baptised, to find out more about this very special service. The service will be in Epwell, but it is for EVERYONE regardless of when or where they were Baptised. It will be a short and cheerful service, with some lively hymns, the chance to be at the Font, and to re-light those Baptism Candles. You are ALL most warmly invited, Do come. Bring children. Invite Godparents