

## FIRST READING

**Acts 5: 27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**Reader: This is the word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## THE GOSPEL READING

**John 20: 19-31**

**All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

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.

**Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ**

**All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

## INTERCESSION

***Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:***

Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White, Chris McGrath, Gregory Thomas, Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood, Susan Gaywood, Betty Hunt

***Please pray for these church members at home:*** Gwen Wells, Joyce Dyson, Joan Hopkins, Chloe Attwell, Eileen Pidgeon

***We remember before God those who have died:***

Erica Swallow, Mary Johnson, Tony Foster, Gwen Lewis, Gwen Harris, Eileen Abrahams, Mabel Darbin, Joan Jackson, Wendy Butler, Peggy James, Mary Neasham, Cynthia Ward, Pamela Tillett, Doreen Crouch, Roy McArdy, Jim Bowness, Mark West, Mary McGarrie

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Easter 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Service of the Word
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15am 11.30am 7.30pm	Parish Centre Communion Talking Elephants Ladies Guild
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Coffee morning –Parish Centre
Sunday Easter 2	10 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm	BCP Communion Parish communion Parish Centre Service Baptism of Odin & Eric

## NOTICES

**Church Coffee** donations during April, May and June will go to the Camphill Village Trust (Botton Village) a UK charity supporting adults with learning disabilities.

### **Furture dates for your diary.**

Saturday **16<sup>th</sup> April** – Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.  
Tickets are £7. Ring 01582 650226 or 01582 658944

Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> May** – Beetle drive in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Adults £5,  
Children £2.50 which will include a light refreshment.  
Money raise will support the work of the church. Ring 01582 883308

**Vicar** – Steve Wood 01525 876197 Mob 07704922984 (Day off Monday)  
Website – [www.stmargaret-streatley.org.uk](http://www.stmargaret-streatley.org.uk) - St Margaret's Church Facebook



Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

**Easter 1**  
**Leader – Teresa Dales**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**  
**Preaching Teresa Dales**

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens Dorothy Iszatt and John Farrent. After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

**Hymns Old and New 495 -232 – 503 - 274**

## 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  
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**