
St Andrew's Church Woodside

12th April 2026

Morning Praise

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Message from Julie

Our Gospel reading today is John 20:19 - 31

In today's passage the resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples in a locked room. It defies the laws of physics, so is it any wonder that Thomas who was absent, is doubtful as to how this could be? He requires the proof of his own eyes. A week later he gets his way. I wonder what he was thinking during that week. Did his views become more entrenched? Did he keep questioning his fellow disciples? All we know is that, at the second appearance of Jesus in the locked room, when Jesus says "stop doubting and believe," Thomas' doubts disappear and he recognises "My Lord and my God." When we have doubts we can work through them with the help of friends and the help of the Holy Spirit.

***Doubt, by Rev Jon Swales from
'Let Me Be the Kind Who Weeps.'***

Sometimes, not all the time, I doubt.

The gift of faith is absent and for a moment, I feel alone.

Sometimes, not all the time, I doubt.

Overwhelmed by the suffering of the world,
underwhelmed by tangible divinity.

The night is dark, East of Eden,
"Is anyone out there?"

The night is dark, Homesick Exile,
"Where have you gone?"

Sometimes, not all the time, I doubt.

And then, in the tomb of doubt, in the darkness,
I catch a glimpse of him who is the light.

Prayer Ministry

Julie will be at the front after the service for those wishing private prayer.
Prayers offered will include all those named in this News Sheet.

*We are here as God's family to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.*

April

Sun 12th	10:30	Morning Praise
Tue 14th	12 - 2	Soup 'n' Sandwich at the Rising Sun
Wed 15th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Sun 19th	10:30	Holy Communion
Tue 21st	12 - 2	Soup 'n' Sandwich at the Rising Sun
Wed 22nd	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thur 23rd	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
<p>You're welcome ... <i>at Sue Briggs' Open House in Allan's memory from 10.30 on Friday 24th April. In aid of British Asthma & Lung Foundation</i></p>		
		
 <p>Sat 25th 10 - Noon</p> <p>Community Coffee Morning Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Good Company!</p> 		
Sun 26th	10:30 3:00	Short Morning Praise followed by APCM Civic Service for Councillor Kevin Collins at All Saints Caddington.

Nominations are sought to join the Church Council

Is God calling you to this role?

Could you put your skills to God's service by becoming a PCC member?

If you have an interest, please speak to Joyce or another member of PCC.

Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom!

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 passcode 664663 or by linking to

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09)

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The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!

Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!

Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1LL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Practical help for the Community

Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.
They regularly collect our items, gratefully received, particularly the warm gloves and mittens we have given them in the chilly times!



We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly.

Before you leave home for church, 'Grab a Tin & bring i'tin!'

They express gratitude for our deliveries and our financial & Gift Aided donations - next drop off: 28th April. **Needs are greater than ever!**

NB: If you wish to contribute, pick up a copy of the Food Bank 'Advent Calendar' from the back of church, which lists seasonal items to donate throughout the year.



Recycle it!

**Please drop your Medication Blister Packs
at the back of church for Sue Lyons to take for recycling.**

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