

# Welcome

Sunday, 8 April, 2018

The Second Sunday of Easter (white)

**EAST BARNET**   
**PARISH CHURCH**  
St Mary the Virgin

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*The season of Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which is the foundation of the Christian faith. There are forty days of Eastertide where we learn more of how death is swallowed up in victory, and of our new birth into a living hope through the resurrection.*

10.00am

Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club

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## 10.00am Parish Eucharist

### ¶ Opening hymn

25 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

### ¶ 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 Jesus Christ your Son 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

### ¶ Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.
- 2 **It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard,**
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.

### ¶ Second Reading

1 John 1.1 - 2.2

### ¶ Gospel

John 20.19-end

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

517 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

*During this hymn a collection will be taken*

### ¶ Hymn during Communion

69 Breathe on me, breath of God

## ¶ 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**

## ¶ Closing hymn

62 Blessed assurance



## ¶ Please pray for

*James in his new role as Canon Precentor*

*Our Wardens, Curates, Reader, Parish Administrator and PCC, and all those involved in caring for us in the vacancy and in finding a new Rector*

*All victims of war, natural disasters, and famine, and refugees; victims of terrorist attacks, and emergency services.*

*Those who have asked for our prayers:*

Trevor and Luke; Janet; Don, Jilly and family; Deborah and family; Joan; Mike and Gwyneth; David; Sue; Trevor; Marilyn; baby Thomas

*RIP:*

Richard Haslehurst; Emily age 7; John Day; John Foley

*Anniversary of death:*

Albert Miles, Leonard Noyce, Mary Herbert

*Those living in:*

Connaught Avenue, Corefield Close, Cranbrook Road, Crescent Road

*Those whose banns of marriage we call today:*

Joel Mark Higson and Lucy Elizabeth Haslam

Jake Anthony Argent and Beth Krysta Wilson

*Matthew's Marchers:*

Matthew Eade, Rod Barker, Tracy Barker, Stephanie Barker, John Duncan, Roger Melling, John Savage

## The Vacancy Prayer

God of our past, present and future, you call us to follow in faith, with confidence in your abiding presence. Be with us in this time of vacancy, and prepare us for a new chapter in our ministry together in Christ's name. Give wisdom and discernment to those who act on our behalf, that your will may be done to the glory of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

## ¶ Matthew's March

Matthew Eade and others (see left) will be going on a sponsored walk, from **Salisbury to Oxford, from 9 to 12 April**, to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and Childline. Details of how to sponsor them are available at the back of church, or you can do this via the website [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/salisburytooxford2018](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/salisburytooxford2018).

## ¶ Pilgrim Course : The Creeds

This is the last session of our Pilgrim Course exploring the core of Christian belief in greater depth through the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Previous sessions took place during Lent. The sessions are at Brookside Methodist Church at **8pm on Wednesday evening and 2pm on Thursday afternoon**. A course booklet is available.

**18/19 April: One holy, catholic and apostolic church**

## ¶ Chipping Barnet Food Bank

If anyone would like to donate to the food bank, they have the following shortages:

**Cereal, tinned rice pudding, rice, tinned custard, any toiletries**

Sarah Edwards is now a trustee of the food bank, and Chris Watson collects the donations in the South Aisle. There is also a box in the atrium at Brookside. Thank you for your continued generosity to the food bank.

## ¶ John Foley RIP

*Mike Pearce has contributed this in memory of John, who died on Easter Monday morning. We will let you know the date of John's funeral as soon as we can.*

"It's nice to surmise that John Foley has taken his rightful place in the first row of God's heavenly choir. For this wonderful tenor spent a lifetime praising his maker in song; firstly at Hornsey Parish Church, then St Mary's when he moved to East Barnet. We have so many happy memories of this splendid chorister, who was with us regularly long after he was able to sing no more. Our love and prayers go to Anne, and to all who mourn him."

# Notices & Information

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## ¶ Spring into Summer Concert

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Admission with programme costs £5 on the door, and refreshments are available. All concerts start here at 3pm.

**Our next concert is**

**15 April - Pop Up Classical**

**The String Quintet**

**Mozart Quintets KV 516 and KV 614**

Please come along to this concert, and invite your friends. It is a great chance to hear musicians of a very high standard without having to go in to London!

Future concerts are:

20 May - The Art Deco Orchestra

17 June - The Anern String Trio

15 July - Enfield Brass Band

Many thanks to Alan and Lesley Danson for all the hard work they put in to organising these splendid concerts.

## ¶ Annual Parochial Church Meetings

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These will be on **Sunday 29 April starting after the morning service** in church. There will be elections for churchwardens, members of PCC, and sidesmen. At the end of the meetings, there will be a loyal toast to our patron, Her Majesty the Queen. Other refreshments will be available.

Do come to this meeting if you can. The Annual Report and Accounts, which will be discussed at the meeting, are at the back of church, are also available online, and have been sent out by email.

## ¶ Youth group meeting 22 April 2.30pm

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Young people aged 11+ from St Mary's and Brookside are all invited to a meeting and social gathering at Brookside on Sunday 22 April.

The first meeting of children preparing to receive Communion will take place later the same afternoon at Brookside, at 4pm.

## ¶ Church School admission

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Parents and guardians of children who will be applying for admission to church schools should sign in the book confirming their attendance at our Sunday services, to support their application. The book is available from a Churchwarden.

## ¶ Parish Giving Scheme

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From 1st April there is a new sign-up form for the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), to comply with new legislation regarding data protection. If you already have a PGS pack and intend to join the scheme, please ask Heather Melling (our PGS coordinator – 020 8449 2283) for a new form. It is very simple to complete!

NB – No action required by those of you who already donate to St Mary's via the PGS – Thank you.

## ¶ East Barnet Herald

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The April issue of the Herald is now available. The link is [bit.ly/ebherald](http://bit.ly/ebherald) and then you click on 'Herald April 2018' This month's edition includes photographs of James' installation in Exeter. The Herald is on Twitter at [@ebarnetherald](https://twitter.com/ebarnetherald) and Facebook at [@eastbarnetherald](https://www.facebook.com/eastbarnetherald)

If you use these social media platforms, please like and retweet or share these posts (and, of course, the ones from our church - see the back page!)

For those not comfortable with computers, we have a few paper copies available at the back of church.

Many thanks to Matthew Eade for taking this on so well, and to all who contribute to the Herald.

## ¶ Table-Top Sale 28 April 2 – 4pm

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Bookings are now being taken for our next table-top sale. If you or anyone you know would like to have a table, at a cost of £10 each, please speak to Margaret in the office or at church.

There are certainly bargains to be had - at the last sale, Margaret herself bought a booster seat and mint-condition books and DVDs for the grandchildren, hand-made Easter cards, and delicious preserves. So do put the date in your diaries, and bring your friends to browse the bargains on offer.

# Notices & Information

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## ¶ Next Sunday 15 April 2018

The Third Sunday of Easter (white)

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
with Sunday Club

6.30pm Evensong

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## St Thomas the Apostle

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“We do not know... how can we know the way?”  
Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

*From “Sounding the Seasons” by Malcolm Guite,  
published by Canterbury Press.*

## ¶ This week

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### Monday 9 April

Matthew’s March begins in Salisbury

9.15am Staff prayers and meeting

1.30pm Monday Club

### Wednesday 11 April

10.30am Parish office closes for the day

11.30am Funeral of Dorothy Tolfree at  
Brookside

### Thursday 12 April

10.45am Communion at Brookside

Matthew’s March finishes in Oxford

### Saturday 14 April

Deadline for changes to the next weekend rota  
(3 June to 27 August)

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<b>Rector</b>	Vacant
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