

## Welcome

Week beginning Sunday 27th April  
2nd of Easter 1st after Easter

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As is the case at Christmas; the chronology of our narrative goes a bit awry over the next few weeks. This week we find ourselves with the disciples back on Easter Day as they continue to huddle in a fearful mass locked inside the house. These followers of Jesus are traumatised by the events of the past few days; they are fearful. It was interesting to reflect, as we journeyed with Jesus during those last days and hours during the Triduum, how the whole of our being and human emotions are expressed and experienced in the events of those times. There is adulation and joy; panic; anger; remorse; self-loathing; violent hatred; bitter isolation – a real emotional roller coaster – and there is a huge amount of fear. If we put ourselves in the position of those disciples; we can understand their sense of fear and confusion. All they'd put their deepest hopes in seemed to be violently dashed to pieces. All that seemed to be left was desolation and fear that they might be the next ones to be strung up on those horrific crosses.

Jesus comes right into the midst of this seemingly hopeless situation and restores sorrow to joy. With the words, "Peace be with you" he doesn't judge but gives the disciples the evidence they need to help them understand. They finally get to see and believe.

The following week (which would coincide with this Sunday) has Thomas with the other disciples. He too finds it all too much and battles to accept the disciples cheerful message of hope. Again, Jesus patiently assists Thomas helping him understand and restoring his hope where previously there had been doubt and fear. Thomas responds with a profound faith; "Mt Lord and my God". The Easter story invites us to be bearers of that light of the love of the Risen Christ to a fearful, sceptical, broken yet beautiful world. We see God do this with compassion so my prayer for us all is that we may do likewise.

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### Collect

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#### Life Cycle

Cycling For A Heathier Future

10am - 2pm

Saturday 7th June

Weymouth Bay Methodist Church

All you need to know about cycling.

Free of Charge

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#### Jon Boden

8pm Friday 2nd May

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Tickets £21.50

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Cash Bar

A great evening with a variety of instruments and songs

#### Quiz Night

7pm Friday 30th May

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston

£7 per person (light supper provided)

Contact: Carole Anders 01305 833431

#### An Afternoon of Acoustic Music With Ken Watkins

3pm Sunday 11th May

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##### Free Concert!

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**10.30am Communion at St Osmund's Church**

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