

# St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025



10.00am Eucharist for Eastertide with the Minis

**If anyone needs a Gluten Free wafer please let one of the sidespeople know.**

Readers:	Jill Clark and Rosemary Colebourn
Readings:	Acts 5.27-32, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31
Chalice:	Joan Evett and Meriel Vincent
Sidespeople:	Garry and Jill Clark
Intercessions:	Marisa Hayes
Anthem:	Taizé - Surrexit Christus
Hymns:	813 (omit vv7,8), 184, 209, 223 (omit vv2,5)
Organ Voluntary:	'Sheep may safely graze' by J S Bach

### Collect

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**

### Post Communion

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**

### Please pray for

Peace and reconciliation in our troubled world  
The Roman Catholic Church mourning the death of Pope Francis  
People living in Middleham Close

**Morning Prayer is said in church most mornings Monday – Saturday 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:**

Monday (George – transferred from 23<sup>rd</sup>) –

Psalm 5; Joshua 1.1-9, Ephesians 6.10-20

Tuesday (Mark) – Psalm 37.23-end; Isaiah 62.6-10, Acts 12.25-13.13

Wednesday – Psalm 30; Deuteronomy 3.18-end, John 20.19-end

Thursday (Philip and James) –

Psalm 139; Proverbs 4.10-18, James 1.1-12

Friday – Psalm 61; Deuteronomy 4.15-31, John 21.15-19

Saturday – Psalm 84; Deuteronomy 4.32-40, John 21.20-end

**Bible Reading Notes** – The new edition is on the display cabinet for those who take these notes. Shirley has spare copies if anyone new would like to take them – they have a reading and a commentary for every day. The cost for three editions over the year from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 is £14.96. If you are interested in having this help with your daily Bible reading do give Shirley a ring on 01273 752167.

**Our new Thursday afternoon study course** begins on 1<sup>st</sup> May with a 6 week course entitled **Tenants of the King**. Led by the Eco Church Team this is a very accessible course about God's purpose for creation and his church, ie us! It goes from considering the big picture of creation with us as tenants in his land through headings such as Creation Groans, Do not Fear! and Speak Up. The sessions are varied with activities, discussions with biblical references, short videos and follow up ideas. The final 2 sessions are quite different! One will be out in the old churchyard doing a fascinating survey of plants and insects and the last one will be actively looking at how we can support the national and international campaigns running to meet the climate crisis. Speak to Rosemary for further details.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Room. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to ask questions about the reports on the past year at St Mary's and to discuss our future plans.

**To assist us with drawing up rotas** please can you add your unavailability to [iknowchurch](https://www.iknowchurch.org.uk)? It is quite simple to do in your personal settings. Then we know not to assign you that day and it avoids lots of swapping around. You can access [iKnowchurch](https://www.iknowchurch.org.uk) via this link:

[Ringmer: St Mary the Virgin](https://www.iknowchurch.org.uk)

**Marisa is looking for items** for a tombola at a fundraising event in the Village Hall on 24 May. Proceeds will go to Target Ovarian Cancer. Please let her have any items - sweets, drinks, jars, smellies by 18 May.

**A nursing assistant from Kerala, India**, and working at a Ringmer Care Home, is looking to rent a room and to have use of a kitchen for cooking her own meals. The monthly rent would be agreed after discussion. If you can help, please contact Revd Pat Brenton on 07805 586621

<b>CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK</b>		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	2.00pm	Repair Café ctte meet in the Church Room
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	11.30am	Holy Communion at Holm Lodge
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in Symons Hall in VH
	2.30pm	<i>Singalong</i> meets in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	10.00am	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
	4.00pm	Study Course in the Church Room
Friday	4.00pm	Eco-church team meet in the Church Room
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	FirstSunday@10 service
	6.30pm	Celtic Eucharist in the Chancel

### **First Reading – Acts 5.27-32**

When they had brought them, 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 Saviour, so 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.'

## **Second Reading – Revelation 1.43-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Gospel – John 20.19-31**

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.