

# Your Word of the Week

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Easter Sunday



Christ Church  
Wheelock

St Michaels  
Crewe Green



St Matthews  
Haslington

9.30 am	St Matthew	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
11.00 am	St Michael & All Angels	Holy Communion	Rev Hazel

## The Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10

**28** After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

## Second Reading Acts 10.34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## Collect, Prayers, and Epistle Reading

### Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection  
of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and  
death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and  
might,  
now and in all eternity. Amen

### We remember people who are sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Winnie Rutter, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Charles Howard-Smith, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, Pauline Fletcher, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Eileen Mahon, Mark Trigger, Jenny Fradley, Mary Plachta, John Braithwaite, Arleine Bloor, Sue Taylor, Isobel Barber, Marion Mayo, Kay Wing, Janette Blood, Helen Carlson and Nicola Warren

### We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

Mike Sadler, Eileen Jones and Rupert Irvine.

### Epistle Reading, Colossian 3:1-4

**3** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 31:1-6

**31** At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

**2** Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

**3** the Lord appeared to him<sup>[a]</sup> from far away.<sup>[b]</sup>

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness  
to you.

**4** Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take<sup>[c]</sup> your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the  
merrymakers.

**5** Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

**6** For there shall be a day when sentinels will  
call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
'Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.'

## DIARY

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.

10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.

11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.

4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.

10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

**Wednesday** 10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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