

## News from St Thomas Church: Week c/c Sunday the 25th April 2021



*Simpler, Humbler, Bolder...*

I recently 'discovered' this amazing series on Youtube called 'The Chosen' and ended up watching all 8 episodes over a weekend! Come and See... just click on the above picture for the trailer to the series...

Best wishes,

Tracy

## Bible readings for Sunday the 25th April 2021

### **1st reading:** *Acts 4.32-35*

**32** Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. **33** With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. **35** They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **2nd reading:** *John 20.19-end*

**19** 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." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

#### **Jesus and Thomas**

**24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** 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."

**26** 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." **27** 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."

**28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** 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."

## **The Purpose of This Book**

**30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** 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.

## **Prayer for the day**

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

## **Notices...**

Below are the list of services for May 2021:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week  
10.00am Morning Prayer and 7pm Compline/Night Prayer on our YouTube channel:  
'Worship from St Thomas' (<https://bit.ly/2ynuqHq>)

Wednesday mornings 10.00am Said Holy Communion in church.

10.00am Zoom Sunday service Zoom link for this and all our Sunday Services  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86792362778>  
(You can click on this link directly from the homepage of our website  
[www.mellorchurch.org](http://www.mellorchurch.org) )

12.00 midday - Holy Communion in church. Numbers will be restricted so please  
tel 07546 927052 Monday, Wednesday or Thursday during the week up to 12.00  
midday to reserve a space in church.

Choral Evensong- 16th May 2021 at 6.30pm

## **Pentecost Sunday on the 23rd May 2021**

8.30am Said Holy Communion in church

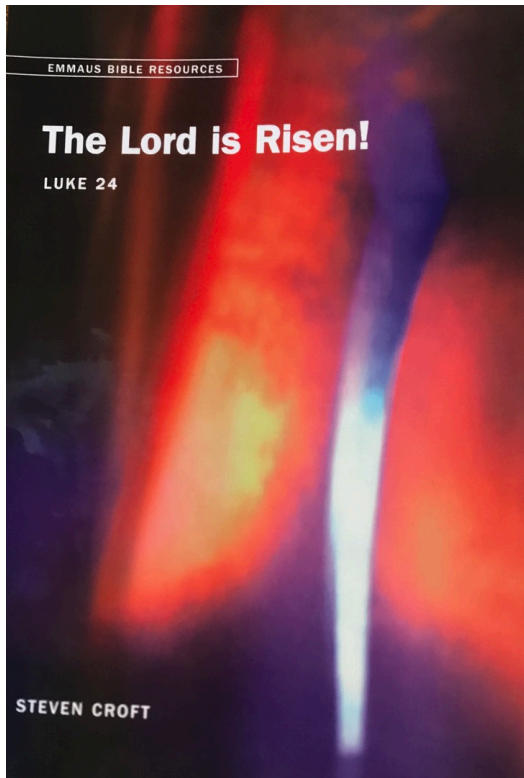
10.00am Sung Holy Communion in Church. This service will be live streamed and  
available to join in with on our YouTube Channel 'Worship from St Thomas'.  
Numbers will still be restricted in compliance with current Covid19 regulations so  
please do contact the Parish Office to pre-book a seat.

Contact : T. 0161 484 5079. Email: [mellorchurch.org](mailto:mellorchurch.org)

**From Pentecost Sunday we will no longer be holding 10.00am Zoom Sunday services.**

Our church is open for private prayer and reflection everyday during daylight hours. Maybe light a candle in prayer... or just sit and listen to the music... Prayer resources are also available in church for you to use at home.

The Monday Prayer Group will be meeting again from 10.30 - 11.00am in church. All are welcome to come along and join them for a socially distanced half hour of quiet prayer.



*The 50 days from Easter to Pentecost are a unique period in the history of the Christian faith. **'The Lord is Risen!'** takes us on a journey through Luke that strengthens, challenges, deepens and renews our Christian discipleship. 'In this vivid retelling of Luke's story, the reader starts to see these encounters as a pattern for their own encounters with the risen Christ' writes Dr Bridget Nichols, Lay Chaplain to the Bishop of Ely.*

Revd Tracy Ward is inviting you to a Zoom meeting to informally explore together the life changing event of the resurrection and its impact on those first disciples and their world. Together we will share how we can relate their experience with our own today.

**Topic: Bible Study- 'The Lord Is Risen' based on Luke 24**

Time: This is a recurring meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm starting the 5th May 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159650214?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159650214?pwd=L2FsbEZBOFFXV0czbCtKQlJpVUpCdz09)  
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If possible please purchase a copy of the book 'The Lord Is Risen' by Steven Croft and read through the first chapter 'The First Day - Luke 24.1-12' prior to our meeting.

### **The Seriously Surprising Story**

Follow in the footsteps of Jesus' followers as they travel on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus and get talking to someone who gives them the biggest surprise of all!

**To Do** this week:



### **Take a walk**

Take a walk around your area and count the different types of flowers that you see in bloom.

## Looking ahead ...

Readings to ponder over this coming week...

1st reading: *Acts 8.26-end*

2nd reading: *John 15.1-8*

*All my best wishes to you and yours,*

*Revd Tracy*