

WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE

Brightwalton with Catmore, Chaddleworth, Fawley,
Great Shefford with Shefford Woodlands, Leckhampstead and
Welford with Wickham

Sunday 4th April 2021
Easter Day

6.30am 'Christ is Risen'

Open Air Holy Communion

Leckhampstead Churchyard

Please bring a torch and dress for the weather.

10.00am Zoom Church Easter Special

Please note the earlier time

Join on your computer, laptop or device

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86178722900>

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Meeting ID: 861 7872 2900

Collect

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.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading

Mark 16: 1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This week

Miri will be on holiday 5th – 11th April.

No midweek services or events are organised this week.

If you need to speak to a minister about an urgent pastoral matter during Easter Week please contact Evelyn Bracey who will pass a message to Miri.

Evelyn Bracey

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Sunday 11th April 2021
'Low Sunday'
Easter 2

There is no West Downland Benefice Zoom Church or worship in person on Sunday 11th April. There are many alternatives:

A Diocesan service is available here
oxford.anglican.org/livestream

Live Radio Service on BBC Radio Berkshire
Sunday 8.40am with Revd Richard Littledale

Recorded Services from East Downland
<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/faith-andworship/online-worship>

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 your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading
Acts 4: 32-35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

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.

Gospel Reading
John 20: 19 - end

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

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.

Week beginning Monday 12th April

Monday 12th April

Seated Holy Communion in Chaddleworth

Our next service is on **Monday 19th April 2021** at 11am.

Wednesday 14th April

Wednesday Prayers on Zoom at 5pm

Bible Reading Colossians 2: 1-15

Join Zoom Meeting

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Thursday 15th April

Midweek Coffee on Zoom at 11am

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Sunday 18th April

8am Holy Communion in Fawley Church

Please remember to wear a mask inside the church.

10am Open Air Service in Great Shefford Churchyard

