

# 8St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April

## Easter 4

### Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

#### Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; •  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures •  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul •  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for  
his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death,  
I will fear no evil; •  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; •  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving  
mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, •  
and I will dwell in the house of  
the Lord for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### Acts 4.5-12

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes  
assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest,  
Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of  
the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the  
prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what  
power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter,  
filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the  
people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because  
of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are  
asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known  
to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this  
man is standing before you in good health by the name

of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified,  
whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other  
name under heaven given among mortals by which we  
must be saved.'

#### John 10.11-18

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays  
down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is  
not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the  
wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and  
the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired  
hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for  
the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own  
and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the  
Father knows me and I know the  
Father. And I lay down my life for the  
sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not  
belong to this fold. I must bring them  
also, and they will listen to my voice.  
So there will be one flock, one  
shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father  
loves me, because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one  
takes it from me, but I lay it down of  
my own accord. I have power to lay it  
down, and I have power to take it up  
again. I have received this command from my Father.'



#### Music after the address

Bist du bei mir - J S Bach (1685-1750)

This version of an aria from an opera by Gottfried  
Heinrich Stölzel appears in the Anna Magdalena Bach  
notebook of 1725 and may have been a well-known  
song in Leipzig at that time. The reflective words  
translate as « Be thou with me and I'll gladly go to  
death and my repose».

#### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good  
shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise  
again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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#### NOTICES:

At the end of the service please place your service booklet in the box provided at the back of church and take this sheet home with you.

To comply with NHS Test & Trace we ask you to fill in the contact sheet and place this in a separate box at the back of church. Please do not fold the sheet. For the time enter the time of the service you are attending. If you are using the NHS app the QR code is displayed at the back of church and in the porch.

#### Forthcoming services:

2<sup>nd</sup> May Rogation Sunday  
9.30am Rogation Service at St Mary's  
11.00am Rogation Service at St Peter's

We have prepared a special service for this year's Rogationtide. For those unable to be in church it may be used at home, on a walk or in your garden. Please ask if you would like a copy sent to you.

9<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6  
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's  
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

16<sup>th</sup> May Easter 7  
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

23<sup>rd</sup> May Pentecost / Whit Sunday  
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's  
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

30<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday  
10.30am Benefice Communion at St Peter's

Services may change at short notice due to the current situation.

#### Cherry Grove Primary School

This is the school where Fiona works. The Early Years team are looking for the following items to be used in school:

Buttons, old keys, curtain rings, corks, wooden toys, Playmobil figures or animals, Lego.

If you have any unused items that Fiona can take into school please pass them to the Vicar. Thank you.

#### Annual Parochial Church Meetings

St Mary's APCM takes place this morning. St Peter's is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Both will be within the morning service to comply with the applicable regulations.

Reports will be published on our websites in advance, some paper copies will be available in church, copies may be requested by email or post.

[www.stmaryswhitegate.org/](http://www.stmaryswhitegate.org/)

[www.stpeterslittlebudworth.co.uk/](http://www.stpeterslittlebudworth.co.uk/)

Any questions to be submitted by email or post please.

Please see the notices published in church. We need nominations for Churchwardens and PCC members in both parishes. These appointments are crucial to our ability to keep our churches open.

A YouTube explanation of how this year's meetings will work is available at <https://youtu.be/o92AXlthikA>

