

**This week your prayers are asked for those who are ill or in need including:-**

David Sharp	Sheila Clarke
Catrina Walker-Jones	Calum Corser
Trevor Metcalfe	Mary Mangan
Carole Shakeshaft	Margaret Kehoe
Juliette Gillespie	Pat Coulburn
Chris Hughes	Diana Kelly
Grahame P Woodward	

**The families and friends of those who have died:-**

Edna Feehan  
HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

## Notices

Suggested links for prayer websites

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

<https://www.prayingeachday.org/prayersites.html>

[www.24-7prayer.com](http://www.24-7prayer.com)

[www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)

<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

## 'Not Coffee Morning' 10am

As we can't hold this as it is a social gathering we have resumed ZOOM Coffee Meeting on Saturday mornings. Please email, phone or message Yvonne Kerridge for the invitation.

## Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed towards the costs of the Easter Flowers—the church and the cross outside looked amazing. Thank you to Jean and her team of volunteers for all their hard work.

**As we are now in a Vacancy all services are subject to change at the last minute—at the moment we are struggling to find cover for the Thursday BCP Service although we do hope to be able to do this on the last Thursday of the month.**

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Church website:- [www.stpaulsale.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsale.co.uk)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**Third Sunday after Easter**

Welcome to Revd. Canon Jeremy Dussek,  
Canon Precentor of Chester Cathedral who is  
leading our services this morning

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by  
his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and  
truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion Prayer

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## During This Week

### Today

6.00pm Evensong (on-line only)

### Thursday —

10.00am No BCP Communion

### Next Sunday—

8.30am BCP Communion (live & on-line)

10.00am Parish Eucharist (live & on-line)

6.00pm Evensong (on-line)

**Today is the deadline for the May Parish News.**

Please remember that it is mandatory that you wear a face mask or shield which must **cover both your nose and mouth before you come into church** until after you have left the building.



## First Reading— Acts 3.12-19

<sup>12</sup>Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author

of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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## Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦  
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ♦  
how long will you love vain things and seek  
after falsehood?  
3 But know that the Lord has shown me his  
marvellous kindness; ♦  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.  
4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ♦  
commune with your own heart upon your bed,  
and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ♦  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us  
any good?' ♦  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance  
upon us.  
7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦  
more than when their corn and wine and oil  
increase.  
8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦  
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in  
safety.

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## Epistle— 1 John 3.1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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## Gospel — Luke 24.36b-48

<sup>36</sup>While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.'