



St Mary's  
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# News

## Sunday April 28th 2019, Second Sunday of Easter

### Dear Friends

It's just possible that David Williams' Camino walk inspired the recent BBC2 programme *Pilgrimage: The Road to Rome* which finished on Good Friday. Over the three weeks it tracked a group of eight celebrities (of whom I'd only head of four!) from Switzerland to St Peter's Square in Rome. Most were not in the first flush of youth and they had a variety of faiths or none.

There were the usual experiences that go with being on pilgrimage; irregular and varied meals, extremes of accommodation, sore feet and the inevitable pleasures and pains encountered when eight people from very different backgrounds are in close proximity in a testing situation.

Each viewer would no doubt have had a different view of the celebrities as some aspects of their lives and beliefs were revealed. It reminded me somewhat of the encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus when, at the end of the day they said to each other '*Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?*'

There were two who concerned me more than most. One seemed so closed to anything that was not explained by science. The other had developed a systematic and very credible faith over a lifetime. However, as a consequence, she found it difficult to appreciate that some were really struggling with some baggage acquired over the course of their lives.

It's for that reason that I prefer the phrase 'wounded Thomas' rather than 'doubting Thomas' in today's gospel. Thomas clearly has experienced hurt during his life. He desperately wanted to believe and (as on the road to Emmaus) Jesus had just the right way of getting alongside and helping him. That insight is a tremendous gift.

In our lives we often encounter people who are vulnerable and hurting. Sometimes, if God's grace allows us to come alongside and share our questions and shortcomings (rather than our strengths) then as in today's reading where Jesus breathed on them and said *Receive the Holy Spirit*, that same Spirit can provide a meeting point for us and our fellow travellers as we all strive to make more sense of our continuing journeys.

**Nick Molony**

### Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

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**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### PRAYER POINTS:

- For the charity Hamlin Fistula
- For the bereaved families suffering after the terrible attacks in Columbo.
- For those who dedicate their lives to helping others less fortunate.
- For George Almond, being baptised today, and his family.
- For all those who have been affected by rape and abuse.
- For the sick, lonely and bereaved that they might find peace and hope.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Emma and Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Liz Lister.

### WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon,, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie, Bill and Marge Philips and Shirley and Don Kemp.

### WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Arron Welland and Mary Putnam

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## NEWS & NOTICES.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST:** The next ladies' breakfast will be on Sat May 11<sup>th</sup> in Church. The talk is entitled 'Faith can move Mountains' and the speaker will be Kaye Lillycrop on her epic climb up Mount Triglav in Slovenia. Please sign the list in Church if you would like to go.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next men's breakfast will also be on May 11<sup>th</sup> but in the Church Hall from 8.45am. David will be giving a talk on his Camino walk.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AND SERVICE:** This is from 12-18<sup>th</sup> May and the theme this year is 'Holding Hands across the World'. St Mary's will be hosting the CTR Christian Aid Service on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The service will be led by David and there will be a talk by Phil Evans. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**CAMINO TALK:** On Weds 15<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a Spanish evening at St Mary's and David will be giving his Camino Talk. We will have Spanish tapas style food, wine, music and fun! Please sign the list in Church if you would like to come.

**CANTILENA WINDS COFFEE CONCERT:** This will be on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in St Mary's. It is a free concert and you can relax and enjoy coffee and cake while listening to the music of the 'Cantilena Winds' concert band.

**SPRING CONCERT:** at St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Manor House Music will play popular classics by Mozart, Vivaldi, Holst, Debussy, Bach etc. Tickets £10 from Sally's Sewing Box, Duke Street, Johanna Powell, PR 343996, or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church). Raffle and complimentary glass of wine/soft drink.

**DAN'S LEAVING:** 'As most of you will be aware Dan is coming to the end of his curacy here with us and we would like, as a church family, to give him Paula and the children a donation to show our appreciation of them and his ministry and to help them in the immediate future. Please will you give cash or cheques made payable to the PCC, to the parish office, marked for Dan's collection or if you wish you can make a payment direct to our bank account as follows:- The NatWest Bank; A/c name St Mary's PCC; Sort Code 60-17-43; A/c Number 12513024; marked for Dan's collection. Many thanks to you all.' David Stephenson. Church Warden.

**FAREWELL LUNCH:** There will be a farewell lunch for Dan and Paula on May 19<sup>th</sup> after TGIS. A sign up list will be in Church nearer the time. Photos still welcome!

**ROPE RIDE:** A 30 or 60 mile bike ride on May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Chilterns 'Putting the brakes on family breakdown in South Africa'. See [www.rope.org.uk](http://www.rope.org.uk) for details.

**CHILDREN AND CHURCH:** Part 3 of this series of interactive evenings will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.45pm at Stocklake. See [info@aylesburydeanery.org](mailto:info@aylesburydeanery.org)

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Second Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 5: 27-32, John 20: 19-end**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion with baptism followed by coffee  
**11.00am** Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**3.00pm** St Georges Day Parade Service  
**3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 29th April

- Weds 1<sup>st</sup>** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** **2.00pm** Praise and Play  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Third Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 9: 1-6, John 21: 1-19**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**3.00pm** Open Door in the Chapter House  
**6.00pm** Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

**GIVING:** Envelopes for April 19 to 20 still available for collection in Church.

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