

Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 12th April 2026 – Second Sunday of Ester

This Sunday

9.00 am Service with Holy Communion

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Readings Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
John 20: 19-31

6.30 pm Evening Prayer Service

Readings Psalm 30: 1-5 & Mark 15: 46-16:8

Collect

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

Flowers in loving memory of Joan & Ron Ward
and Jackie Bachha. From Dianne Banks.

Diary for the week – Holy Week

Monday 13th April

7.00 pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 15th April

10:00 am Midweek Communion
6.00 pm Vicars Hour

Thursday 16th April

11.30 am-1.30 pm Connect Lunch
Free light lunch served, open to all the community.

Next Week Sunday 19th April

9.00 am Service with Holy Communion

10.30 am Service of the Word

Readings Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 & Luke 24: 13-35

6.30 pm Prayer & Praise Service

Readings Psalm 48 & John 2: 13-22

Notices

Today we are delighted to welcome the family and friends of Teddy, who is being baptised during our 10.30am service. We will also be reading the banns of marriage for two couples, Louise and Levi, and Lewis and Rosie. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Flowers

The 19th April is a free date; if you would like to make a donation for flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special anniversary, please see Jenny Crossland.

Thank you!

Did you notice the Easter flowers in church? They were down to our wonderful flower team, who put in a great deal of time and care, to create fantastic displays each week. We thank them for their dedication and service in brightening up the church and making it a welcoming space for all.

80's Quiz

Tickets are available via ChurchSuite or the parish office. If you are able, please sign up to bring something for the buffet, the sheet is available in church.

PCC

Our next PCC meeting takes place this Monday. We're delighted to welcome to the team, Gemma, Kathryn, Andy, and Leanne. Please keep them, and the whole PCC, in your prayers this week. Pray that all they do is led by God, united in purpose and guided by wisdom.

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Shirley's Reflection

What the resurrection means for us

He who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of His Spirit in you. (Romans 8: 11)

Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, He has given us new life and a hope that lives on. God has something stored up for you in heaven, where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear (1 Peter 1: 3 & 4)

Go to the people of all nations and make them My disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit and teach them to do everything I have told you (Matthew 28: 19 & 20).

Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of new life for all His followers, assuring us that because He conquered sin and death, we shall live with Him for all eternity. The Holy Spirit is God's presence with and in us, helping us to continue our life on earth in a way that pleases God. He uses the Bible, prayer and worship and interaction with others to guide, teach, encourage, and inspire us. Then when we realise we have messed up and failed in our relationship with God and ask for his forgiveness, the Holy Spirit restores us and helps us to know God's love and peace.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit is called 'a deposit' who guarantees our inheritance as God's forgiven, loved and adopted children. And that inheritance is a life of love, joy, and peace in God's eternal kingdom. If you are like me, you would love to know more about that new life, but it is so far beyond our understanding that we are given faith to leave the detail with God, knowing that shall be 'with Christ, which is better by far' (Philippians 1 :23) than anything we've known on earth, and it is 'stored up for us in heaven' by our loving Father.

With that assurance, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we are given a task and responsibility. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit to those first disciples, He told them to make people of all nations to be His disciples. This would be an impossible task for them and us, in a world which largely has no interest in God, but Jesus assures them and us that He has all authority in heaven and earth to commission His followers to it. Of course, we need evangelists to preach and teach the gospel, but it is also vital that new Christians are helped to live as disciples of Jesus.

Some people are so aware of the Holy Spirit's guidance that they immediately realise what needs to change in their attitudes and lifestyle, but most of us need help to understand this. That is why many mission agencies are keen to train pastors in Bible teaching, so that they can help their people to live in a way that pleases God. The Bible is sometimes called our handbook and the more we hear it preached, and read and study it for ourselves, the more we see what it means for each of us, in our circumstances, to love God with all our being and to love our 'neighbour' as we love ourselves, remembering that we and they are loved and valued by God.