



**Welcome to St Edburgha's Church**  
**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

***During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Chapel.***

**Collect:**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading:**

**Zephaniah 3.14-end**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I

will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Second Reading:**

**Acts 2. 14a, 36-41**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for

your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’

<sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 24.13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup> He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death

and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

<sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

<sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Children's activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.*

### **For Your Prayers**

Lyn, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

*\*\*Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list\*\**

### **Monthly Charity**



### **Supporting our Community**



**Your donations** of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

### **Children and Families Work:**

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**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 – Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

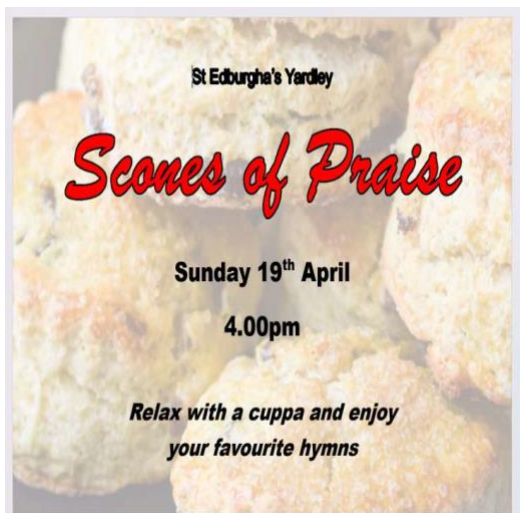
### **Electronic Order of Service**



### **Updating the Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll needs to be updated before the **APCM in May**. If you are already on it, you don't need to do anything. If you would like to join it, please fill in a Form from the back of Church and give it to Chris Palmer. Any questions ask Chris or Lorraine.

## Special Services



**Today 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Scones of Praise  
@ 4:00pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Compline Service at 6:30pm

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Hope and Joy Service

11:30 am -12:15pm



**Advance notice!**  
**Christian Aid Week this year will run from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026.** I hope to carry out a walking challenge once more and will be looking for sponsors! We will also be running a bucket collection outside Iceland at the Yew Tree shopping centre on 16/05/26 and holding a church collection on 10/05/26. **If you feel that you are able to help in any way, would like to join the '70k in May' challenge, or would like further information, please contact Sylvia Roberts on 07771 655789**

## Hymn numbers for today

563

435

148

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## Other Notices

### **May Dates for Arts and Crafts Exhibition in Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May** 10am – 4pm - Free Entry

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** 12 noon – 4pm - Free Entry

## Fund Raising Event

### **9<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night**

£10 includes Supper, bring your own drinks. Maximum size of 6 persons a team. Bookings on 0121 291 0401

**He Is  
Risen  
Indeed**