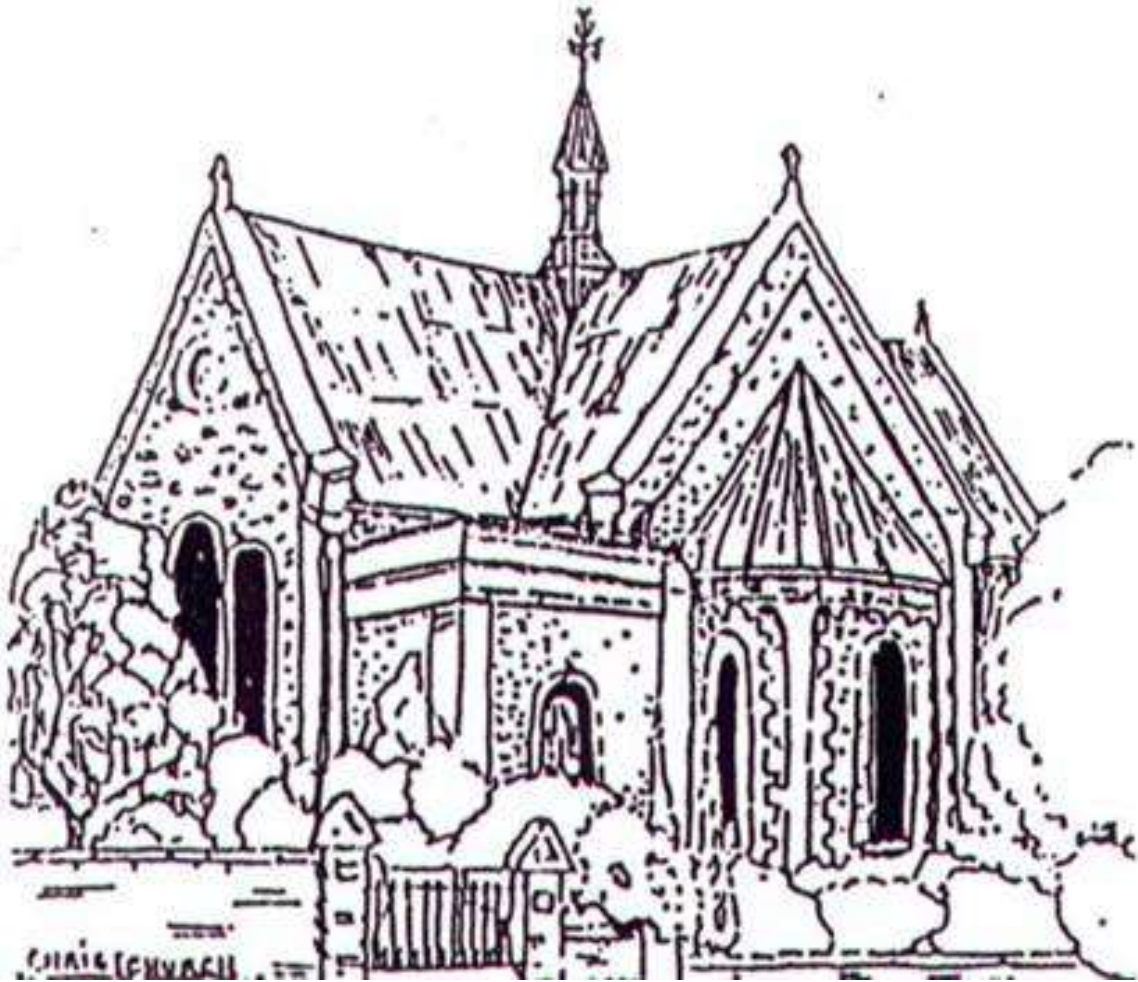


Christ Church  North Adelaide



# First Sunday after Easter

Sunday 19 April 2020



## From Fr Adrian

Greetings from Christ Church on this First Sunday after Easter.

The big news of the moment is that when you read this the scaffolding will have come down from around the church. The Apse roof will be finished. And the restoration of the roof of the church building will be complete. It is a wonderful day! Many thanks to the people who have worked so very hard to make this possible.

The very good news is that this project concludes the major restoration works on the parish property. One of the great charges to us as disciples is that of good stewardship. We are responsible for the assets of the church during our generation. Others will follow and they will be in a position then to build on the foundation we leave behind us.

As we are aware the church is not only the material things, like buildings and finance. The church is the people who worship. Right from its earliest inception the church has always been the people of God. Rarely in our history has this been more evident than it is at the moment. We are in a strange place where we cannot gather in worship in our beautiful church, nor can we enjoy fellowship in our wonderful Hall. This means that we are to explore ways of becoming a new expression of church. We are now confined to specific areas. There are severe restrictions regarding how many people may gather, even in our own homes.

The positive thing that will help us beyond anything else is access to electronic and social media. It is a great joy to be able to communicate at a level which, while not as intimate as touch, can allow us to see our friends while we talk to them. We have access to such things as “Facetime”, “Skype”, “Zoom” and many variations of these. These applications allow us to meet face to face while using our phone, computer, or tablet. Even if we do not have these electronic gadgets we are able to contact our friends with a basic telephone.



*Facetime*

While we have been criticising those people for being glued to their screen and not speaking or watching where they have been going, they have been creating a communication network that is now available for us to use. Bless them.

We do not know what the future holds so it is important that we remain in contact

with each other. Fr Frank and I use our telephones to ring parishioners. Of course we cannot ring every person every day. We are able to ring a number of different parishioners each week. We may never get through the entire Parish roll, but we shall persevere.

In the meantime we continue to send out our weekly communication through Email and Snail mail.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Adrian

### *The Introit Sentence*



S new-born babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *1 Peter 2:2*

### *The Collect for the Day*

Let us pray.



LMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine 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 alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *The Epistle*

The Epistle is written in the Fifth Chapter of the Apostle John's first Epistle, beginning at the fourth verse.



OR whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and

the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

The Holy Gospel is written in the Twentieth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at nineteenth verse.

**W**HEN, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Hymn of the Day: 173 Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer *St Audrey*

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## PRAYER POINTS

*Wider Church:* Church of Ireland *sede vacante*

*National Church:* Perth: Kay Goldsworthy

*Adelaide:* Tea Tree Gully: Richard Maude, David Brown *The Sick:*

Jan Keay, Penny Howell, John, Wayne Butler, Bishop David McCall, David Presgrave, Jean Yuen, John, Rosemary Bourne, Pamela Terry, Keith and Caroline Brice, Joseph Danes, Margaret Whittle, Petula Columbus, David Mason, Elaine Edwards, William “Bunny” Preston

Text: George B. Timms (1910-1997) *Continuing Prayers for:*

Fr David Keay, Heather Denholm, Andrew Pavy, Thomas Ottway, Anthony Moester, Natasha Horn, John Pfitzner, Jill Turbott, Fr John Edwards, Ruth Gallasch, Michael & Emma Boundy, Geraldine, Ray, Barry, Patsy Sellars, Beverley, Tara, Milo, Ralph Archbold, Juliana, Barbara Talbot

*Years' Mind:*

Deborah J. Brown, Neil C. H. Barry, John H. Stephenson, Alma L. Wadlow, Mary Whitehead, Howard F. P. Kaesehagen

## THE PRAYERS

We begin with a couple of prayers copied from the internet.

Father, we thank you for your church established in the world. Bless all who work for the spread of the gospel message of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for your Bishops, Priests and Deacons as they strive to care for the people in their communities. We pray for the parishioners who seek to bring comfort and peace to the lonely and the isolated. We thank you for sending your Son into our lives and for the joy of Eastertide. May we always be conscious of the cost of the resurrection, and of the gift of life that comes with it. Amen

Father we hold before you the leaders of the nations. Remove from us all pettiness and jealousy; Judgement and blame; hate and spite. May we work together as brothers and sisters so that this current pandemic may be overcome. Send your Holy Spirit to



### PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

by Cameron Wiggins [Bellm](#)

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when their schools close  
remember those that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love during this time when we  
cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbor. *Amen.*

guide and protect us. May our leaders, parliaments and all politicians work together in harmony for the good of the people. Amen.

Father we pray for the many people who through no fault of their own find themselves to be unemployed and their security severely challenged. We pray for them as they struggle to meet ongoing costs and demands. We thank you for the contribution offered by our Government and pray that it is enough to help people survive until we are safe from the Corona Virus. We pray for the scientists who are working to find a vaccine for this virus, and for all medical personnel who put their own lives at risk in order to help others. Amen

Father we pray for the sick and suffering. At this time of pandemic we pray for the many people infected with the virus; for the families who grieve the death of someone they love; and for all who live in fear. We pray for your healing and peace of heart. We hold before you the people who have asked us to join our prayers with theirs as they seek your divine healing, ... .. comfort and heal merciful Lord all who are in need of your divine touch. Amen

Father we give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed. We thank you for the lives of the people we have loved and who have now gone to their rest. We pray for those who have died recently - Pauline Dunn; those who have died as a result of Covid-19; those whose Years mind occurs at this time ... .. and we pray for those who have died alone and seemingly unloved.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anthem for reflection: Quia vidisti me, Thoma *Claudio Monteverdi*

Quia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti:

beati qui non viderunt, et crediderunt. Alleluia.

*Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed:*

*blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluia.*

(John 20:29)

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## A BLESSING

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### *The Final Hymn*

106 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain *Ave Virgo Virginum*

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

Text: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/NEH1985/106>

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Text: Greek, St John of Damascus (c.750), tr. J. M. Neale (1816-1866), alt.

2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day:  
Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

4 Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.



## Daily Readings

### April

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
20 Monday	Exod 15.22-end Jn 20.1-10	Ruth 1.1-14 1 Tim 1.1-17
21 Tuesday	Exod 16.22-end Jn 20.11-23	Ruth 1.15-end 1 Tim 1.18-2-end
22 Wednesday	Exod 17 Jn 20.24-end	Ruth 2.1-13 1 Tim 4
23 Thursday	Exod 18.1-12 Jn 21.1-14	Ruth 2.14-end 1 Tim 4
24 Friday	Exod 18.13-end Jn 21.15-19	Ruth 3 1 Tim 5.1-16
25 Saturday	Exod 19 Jn 21.20-end	Ruth 4.1-17 1 Tim 5.17-end

### ABM REFLECTIONS

- Pray for all those who are duped by fake news, or false information, especially in regard to health. May lying lips be stilled (Ps 31.18) and falsehood-typing fingers be stopped.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

### Today's Music

This Sunday, known as “Low Sunday” as it comes after all the (usual) highs and lows of Holy Week and Easter, focuses on Jesus’ disciple Thomas. There is a wonderful ‘new’ hymn about Thomas’s faith and experience which appeared for the first time in the New English Hymnal. (To date it hasn’t been included in any other hymn books, perhaps because the Saints don’t get the prominence they once received.) *Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer* is a hymn written by George Boorne Timms (1910-1997), and is set to a tune by composer Basil Harwood (1859-1949). G. B. Timms was Archdeacon of Hackney, London, from 1971-1981, the culmination of a lifetime’s service as a clergyman. Some 16 of his hymn texts have made it to print, with *Sing we of the blessed Mother* proving to be the most enduring. Timms’ hymn about St Thomas the Apostle’s interaction with the risen Christ recalls the style of earlier hymns to the Saints, retaining a formal language and somewhat lofty style – it wouldn’t be out of place at all in the original English Hymnal of 1906, but is a well-crafted and effective new hymn.

The Anthem for Reflection this Sunday, *Quia vidisti me, Thoma*, sets the words of Jesus directed to Thomas: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:29, NRSV) The music is by the great Italian composer Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643). This sacred madrigal appeared in Monteverdi’s first published collection of works: the *Sacræ cantiunculae liber primus* of 1582. Written when he was a teenager, this collection shows great mastery of the musical styles of the time, and the beginnings of a promising composer who would go on to be hugely significant. *Quia vidisti me, Thoma* is a compact miniature scored for three voices, with use of imitation in the part-writing. The already brief text is only repeated twice, followed by a series of “Alleluia’s” which round the piece out.

Andrew Georg

## NOTICES

## EASTER VESTRY MEETING

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the annual Easter Vestry Meeting of Christ Church North Adelaide Inc will not be held on Sunday, 10th May 2020; rather the Easter Vestry Reports, Nominations for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry and Notices of Motion will be issued for acceptance. If no objection in writing is received from a person deemed to be a Seat Holder, then approval will be recorded. Nominations for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry and Notices of Motion to be circulated must be submitted to the Chairman by Sunday 3rd May. For Nomination forms for the Peoples Warden and Select Vestry members please contact the Parish Office on 8267 2673.

It is proposed that the Easter Vestry Reports will be forwarded to Seat Holders prior to Sunday 26th April 2020, and Nominations received for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry members and Notices of Motion by the 3rd May.

## FROM ANGLICARE SA

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