

**St Andrew's Church**  
Watford

**11<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**  
The Second Sunday of Easter

***Welcome!***



Jesus said 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)

***Readings***

To review today's readings: Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

To prepare for next week: Acts 3:12-19  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**We are open and online**  
**Sundays 10am - 12 noon**

10:00 Private prayer  
10:30 Service of the Word  
10:55 Service of Holy Communion  
11:20 Private prayer  
12:00 Close

***Join us online or in person as you decide is best***

### ***In our prayers, let us remember:***

All who grieve or mourn for whatever reason.

Our Royal Family.

Keith Buxton, recuperating.

Becky Hastings, in hospital and undergoing treatment.

Don's friend Julie, who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing tests preparatory to treatment.

Viv's sister Veronica, who is seriously ill.

Colin, who has dementia but is in hospital following a stroke.

Peter Culverhouse (Elizabeth's nephew) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Lisa Rogers, who is in need of support and guidance.

Laurie Ann Lewin, praying for her to regain strength.

Carlda's Dad, Algon (known as Tom) Lewin, with bone cancer.

Margaret Lewin's Mum, Grace Whiteman.

Care homes (our parish boasts many).

### ***Video recordings of our Sunday services***

Video recordings of both parts of our Sunday worship are on our website, or 'A Church Near You', or our Facebook page, hopefully by the Sunday evening.

### ***Today's reading - Godly Play style***

With something to offer people of any age - worth a look! Click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-CEIj9qVro>

### ***Liturgy online from the C of E***

The following links take us to Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, complete with the appropriate readings etc for the day.

Morning prayer: [http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_mp=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_mp=1)

Evening prayer: [http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_ep=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_ep=1)

Night prayer (Compline)

[http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_np=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_np=1)

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## ***The Vicar writes:***

It seems to me that we are getting tired and fed up with having to deal with uncertainty, risk and unpredictability.

The coronavirus has demonstrated how we find it very hard to handle such things, whether intellectually, mathematically or emotionally.

I don't really like calling Thomas 'doubting'. It sounds judgmental - negatively so. In truth Thomas most probably would have liked nothing better than simply to believe - in which case I admire his integrity and commitment to the truth. Or perhaps he didn't wish to make himself vulnerable to the pain of disappointment.

I feel that we can all empathise with Thomas.

I also feel that the death of the Duke of Edinburgh has touched raw nerves, exemplifying as he does rock-solid dependable service over many decades. His death reminds us yet again that so much of what we take for granted is in fact uncertain and impermanent.

Let us make sure our prayers include thanks for his life.

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Account No: 50111169

Sort Code: 089250

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Account No: 50000102

Sort Code: 089250

Don looks after our standing orders. Please let him know if you set one up or alter an existing one online. Alternatively he has forms for doing these things 'offline'. Phone 01923 497189

## ***A prayer for people who mourn***

Gracious God,  
as we remember before you people who have died,  
please surround all of us who mourn with your love.  
Be gentle with us in our grief,  
protect us from despair,  
and give us grace to persevere  
and face the future with hope  
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

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