

**ST PETER**  
—  
DE BEAUVOIR TOWN

# **A SERVICE OF THE WORD**

18 April 2021

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

## **Welcome to St Peter's...**

St Peter's has been at the heart of De Beauvoir Town since 1841. The congregation today is a lively mix of people of all ages from all parts of the world.

An inclusive church in the liberal catholic tradition, faithful to the Anglican Communion, in the Diocese of London - whatever your experience of church, you are welcome here.

While our *Communion in Community* is restricted by the Covid-19 pandemic because not everyone feels able to attend our Sunday services, **Home Worship** is offered weekly online or by signing up for postal mailing.

**St Peter's Church** is also open for **Private Prayer** on **Wednesdays 9-11am** and **Sundays 3-5pm**. The Crypt will soon reopen for limited community events and activities in line with government guidelines. Please contact the Parish Office ([office@stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk)) with any enquiries.

For funeral, wedding and baptism/christening enquiries, please contact the Parish Office or call 020 7254 5670 to hear recorded information on who to contact. *Please be aware when planning ceremonies that restrictions can suddenly change!*

## *Opening prayers*

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## *Prayers of penitence*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice  
and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

## *Silence is kept*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## ***Absolution***

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw us to himself  
and cleanse us from all our sins,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## ***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.**

## ***Readings***

***A reading from book of the prophet Zephaniah, 3.14-20***

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
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.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.  
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  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
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.  
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.

***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, 3.12-19***

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and

you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

### ***Hymn***

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

## ***The Gospel***

My Brothers and Sisters hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Luke 24.36-48]

While the eleven and their companions were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

This, my brothers and sisters is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon* by Sarah Dallas

*Prayers for the church and the world*

*The response to each petition*

Lord, in the silence  
Hear our prayer

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

*Instrumental:* Darius Thompson, Violine,  
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## ***Thanksgiving***

Our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from death,  
we praise you for changed lives and new hopes at Easter.

You come to Mary in the garden,  
and turn her tears into joy.  
For your love and mercy we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**

You come to the disciples in the upper room,  
and turn their fear into courage.  
For your love and mercy we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**

You come to the disciples by the lakeside,  
and turn their failure into faith.  
For your love and mercy we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**

You come to the disciples on the Emmaus road,  
and turn their despair into hope.  
For your love and mercy we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**

You come to your people now,  
and turn our weakness into triumph.  
For your love and mercy we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**

## ***The Peace***

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ***Closing Prayers***

God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you  
now and always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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