

Parish of Ribbleton

St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) The Ascension (ASC) -Longsands (LS)

Wednesday 11th May

Easter 4

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

‘I have come as light into the world,
so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness,’
says the Lord.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. ;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen

FIRST READING (Acts 12.24–13.5)

The word of God continued to advance and gain adherents.
Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.
Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers:
Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul.
While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said,
‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’
Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.
So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews.
And they had John also to assist them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 67)

The response to the Psalm is:

God be gracious to us and bless us.

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R/**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R/**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R/**

GOSPEL (John 12.44–end)

Jesus cried aloud:

‘Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me.

And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.

I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge;

on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge,

for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.

And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.’

Please pray for

A peaceful resolution for the war in Ukraine.

The peoples of Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Ukraine

Morad Tahbaz, still held in Iran.

Those working in our hospitals & emergency services .

The staff and residents of Bethany House

The families using the Community Pantry .

The children and young people of our parish,.

The staff and pupils of Longsands and Highfield Priors schools.

The 44 people in our parish, diagnosed with covid last week.

Maisie, Abi, Max and Ryan as they prepare for confirmation.

Those named on our prayer list.

The person who is called to be our next incumbent, and those who will select them.

Fr Chris, Capt. David and Linda, our Parish Wardens and PCC members, as they serve our parish.

The Diocesan prayer for Ukraine

Almighty God,

seated above all the affairs of humankind
and sovereign over nations and leaders,
hear our prayer for Ukraine at this time of war;
that lives may be spared,
that national boundaries be respected
and that forces of aggression be restrained.

Grant, Lord God,
peace in your world in our time.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen