

Parish of Ribbleton

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

Sunday 30th April
4th Sunday of Easter

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
Whoever enters through me will be saved.'

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING (Acts 2:42-47)

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.
All the believers were together and had everything in common.
They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.
Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.
And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 23)

The response to the Psalm is:

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R/**



SECOND READING (1 Peter 2:19-25)

It is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.

But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it?

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.

Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

‘He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

‘by his wounds you have been healed.’

For ‘you were like sheep going astray,’ but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



GOSPEL (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said, ‘Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

But they will never follow a stranger;

in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice.’

Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, ‘Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.

They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.’



Intercessions

Jesus, our Shepherd, you are King of Kings, we bring our prayers

- for Charles our King: grant him the grace, wisdom, and strength to fulfil the promises he will make at his coronation and to live a life of service to you and to country,
- and for Camilla the Queen Consort, and all the Royal Family, that they may support the King as he bears the burden of his office and serve our country with dignity and grace..

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus, our Shepherd, you are the light of the world, we bring our prayers for your world:

- for the nations and people enjoying comfort and prosperity
- and the nations and people suffering fear and despair because of war, famine and natural disasters, among them the people of Sudan, Syria and Afghanistan and all who live in refugee camps or temporary accommodation.
- for the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace in Ukraine
- for the leaders of nations and those with power and authority, guide them in the decisions they make.
- for all who are working for peace and justice, and for a fair sharing of the world's resources

Bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus, our Shepherd, you are our way, our truth, our life, we bring our prayers for your universal church:

- for those who guide and direct your flock
- for our bishops, Philip and Jill
- for Rev Linda and Pete, Fr Chris, and Emily and her family
- for those who serve on our PCC and those you are calling to serve in the coming year
- for Freedom Church and the person you are calling to serve you there
- for those who are free to worship and share their faith without fear
- and those who struggle with their faith and doubts
- for those who suffer and are in danger because of their faith in you
- for the churches in Nigeria and Iraq

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus, our Shepherd, you are the bread of life, we bring our prayers for our parish and community

- for all who live and work within our parish

-for the neighbours and communities you have called us to serve

-for the children and young people of our parish
-for those needing to use the Parish Pantry and foodbanks in our city

-for those who work for our safety and well-being

Feed and nourish us all with your word and your spirit.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus, our Shepherd, you gave your life for us, your sheep, we bring our prayers for those in need

-for people with health, homes and jobs, for which we give you thanks

-for those who are hungry, homeless or without work
- and for those who seek to meet their needs

-for people who are lonely and afraid

-for those who are sick in body mind or spirit,

-for those on our prayer list or known to us personally who need your healing touch

-for people close to death or grieving a loved one

-for those who care for the sick and frail at home, in residential care, or in hospital

Recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus, our Shepherd. you are the resurrection and the life, We bring our prayers for those who have died:

-for all who have lived and died believing in you

-for those who have died this week in the ongoing conflicts and disasters of this world.

-for those known to us who have died recently, and for those whose anniversary of death is around this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory

May we, and all your saints, hear your voice and follow you to the eternal glory of your kingdom

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus, our Shepherd, Lord of our lives, you call us by name and lead us out into life.

Give us the grace to follow where you lead.

We bring to you the prayers of our hearts

-for ourselves and those we love and care for

May we hear your voice and follow you in trust and faith.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 7th May
5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Coffee at The Ascension
9:30am Eucharist at The Ascension
11:00am Eucharist at St. Mary Magdalene's

Readings

*Acts 7.55–60; Psalm 31.1–5, 15–16;
1 Peter 2.2–10; John 14.1–14*

Mid-week services and activities

Tuesday 10am – 12 noon – Parish Pantry & Drop In at ASC

Tuesday 11am – Eucharist at Preston Private

Wednesday 10am – Eucharist at SMM

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 3rd May

Start Course session 1: 11am at the Rectory
– please see Rev Linda or Pete for details

Saturday 6th May

Coronation Bingo in the Parish Hall
Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7:00pm

Sunday 14th May

Meeting of Parishoners to elect Church Wardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

These meetings will take place from 12:30pm, following the Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's, and will be followed by a buffet.

Thursday 15th June

PCC meeting 7pm at The Rectory

Saturday 25th June

Installation of the Bishop of Blackburn
at Blackburn Cathedral.

Monday 4th – 7th September

Walsingham Pilgrimage.

For more information, speak to Rev Linda or Fr Chris.

**Meeting of Parishoners to elect Church Wardens
& The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

These meetings will take place on Sunday 14th May. At these meetings our Church Wardens and the members of our PCC will be elected. Please come to the meetings to support those volunteers who faithfully serve our church – and please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in this way. Nomination forms are available in both churches

Revision of The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has now been revised and a copy is available for inspection on the church notice board.

No changes can be made to this list, except to correct errors, until after the APCM on 14th May.

Only those named on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the APCM.

Someone has made a payment into the church bank account with a reference M M M M. We don't know who it is or what the money's for. If it was you, please have a word with our treasurer, Faith, or Barbara or Rev Linda.
Thank you.

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