

# **THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL BLACK NOTLEY**



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**21st April 2024 11.00 am Sung Eucharist**

Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.

### **Collect for Today**

**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.**

**Amen**

### **Post Communion Collect**

**Merciful Father,**

**you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
the good shepherd,**

**and in his love for us to lay down his life  
and rise again:**

**keep us always under his protection,**

**and give us grace to follow in his steps;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Acts 4: 5 - 12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

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## John 10: 11 - 18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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## Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦  
therefore can I lack nothing.



# Intercessions



We pray for all those who are sick at home or in hospital, or homeless; and for:

Gina	Mike	Jason and his Family	Graham	Keith
Arthur and Pauline	Colin and Judy	Mo	Joshua Manning	
Sheila Vince	Alan	Paul	Penny and Mike (Diggins)	
Lauren	Paul Roberts	Lyn and Ian		

We pray for Gaza; and a ceasefire to bring some respite for a suffering people. We remember Ukraine suffering increasing violence.

We pray for all displaced people everywhere; and those suffering violence. We

We pray for peace world-wide.

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## Important collections

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me.”

### 1. Babystuff Braintree

0 - 5 clothing and toiletries. See Susan Pedder for more details. Toothbrushes and tooth paste go very quickly



### 2. The Wethersfield collection

Clothing for men and boys



**please find boxes in the porch for donations**

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## Holy Communion



Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action. If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail. During this time the choir will be singing. Please do wear a mask if that would make you feel more comfortable.

# The Coming Week

[Morning Prayer](#) There will be Morning Prayer this week at 9.00am

Meeting ID 816 8584 2988 Passcode YS2411

For Evening Prayer please refer to Newsletter



Other sites for personal prayer are available at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> or the [Pray-as-You-Go App](#)

## Sunday April 28th Sung Eucharist 11am

Readings: Acts 8: 26 - end; John 15: 1 - 8; Psalm 22: 25 to end

### God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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