

Anglican Church of  
**St Thomas à Becket**



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

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- **Service Details Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Holy Communion (Common Worship),  
10.30**

Click here to join the congregation, from 10.15 onwards. Please join in good time.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85272524481?pwd=S3o5cmhaZTZyVkJPNUlrZlVvaSHphZz09>

It is already the weekend of the third Sunday of the season of Easter. Eastertide starts on Easter Day itself and continues right through until the feast day of Pentecost, when we recall the coming down of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days, and as recorded for us in the Bible, the resurrected Jesus appears on earth: to Mary Magdalene, the first to see him; the disciples and many others. In today's reading from Luke he appears among the disciples, who are still substantially incredulous. Our risen Lord shows them his hands and feet and then asks for something to eat.

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### **Holy Communion**

### *The Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter*

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**

### *First Reading: Acts 3:12-19:*

*Peter speaks in Solomon's Portico*

When Peter saw it, he 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? <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

### *Gospel: Luke 24:36b – 48*

*Jesus appears to his disciples*

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that

they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>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.'

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.



## Notices and News

My quarantine has now ended. Hurrah! I have managed to achieve my Anmeldung, open a bank account, apply for my Krankenkasse and spend some time in prayer in our church building. Also, to post a number of letters and to go for several walks around the centre

of Hamburg, including of course along various sections of the river and around the Alsters. Simple pleasures and achievements. It's great to be out!

Susanne Hergoss, thank you for looking after me with so much thought and consideration during these last two weeks. For shopping for me, for visiting, for little gifts and for patiently taking away huge amounts of rubbish from my removal (*all mixed up, because I had no idea about the sorting categories required.*)

Your STB Church Council met this week on Wednesday, and amongst other things, discussed the possibility of our congregation coming back into church.

However, whilst the risk of Covid infection is so high, we sadly made the decision that it is too soon to do so. Whilst we would all like to be back in the STB building, we believe this is the responsible thing to do, especially as our church has a gathered congregation, with members coming from across a very wide geographical area. We will revisit the question again next month, but for the meantime, the church remains closed for Sunday services. So, if by any chance you haven't joined the worship on Zoom yet, let me once again invite you to do so. (If you're not sure how, just ask someone to talk you through it. Truly, it's easy, and safe, and all you need is a laptop or a 'phone connected to the internet.)

My Licensing as your Chaplain is very much an event for us to celebrate as a whole congregation. So, in the light of the aforementioned Council decision to keep STB closed, we have now once again re-scheduled the date (fourth time lucky!), and this time for the summer. As we have already had to wait longer than we might have hoped, we felt we may as well postpone it until there was the strong likelihood of us all being able to come in to town, and congregate together safely.

So, please note, no licensing this next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The new date, for your diaries, is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Our STB 'Healing Racism / Embracing Diversity' group will meet again online on Thursday 29 April from 18.00 - 19.30 Everyone is requested to watch (on their own) an episode of the series 'Conversations on Race' produced by King's Cross Church in London. Then, in the Zoom meeting we get together to share our thoughts. Everyone is welcome to join. If you're interested, and for more information about watching the video, please contact Monica Emilia, Valerie Müller, Madeleine Herring [madeleineherring@t-online.de](mailto:madeleineherring@t-online.de) or Yotin Tiewtrakul [yotin.tiewtrakul@gmail.com](mailto:yotin.tiewtrakul@gmail.com)

The Bazaar 2021 – could YOU organise the raffle? If you think you might be able to, please talk to Wendy Sprock and she can explain what the job entails. As you know, the November Bazaar is one of our major fundraising and social events, so the planning is already underway.

Wendy and Eric have very kindly agreed to oversee the organisation of the Bazaar between them, (so Wendy most definitely needs to hand over the raffle, which she has organised previously. Please do think carefully about whether you might be able to help in this way!) The plan is for the Bazaar 2021 to have both a physical and on-line presence. The date is Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>, in keeping with the tradition of holding the Bazaar on the penultimate weekend of the month.

What is a Christian vocation? We will now be keeping next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April as 'Vocations Sunday'. Before the service I encourage you to have a think about what the word vocation means to you/us all as Christians.

Wednesday Morning Prayer continues weekly at 08.30 MP is a short, said service of the daily readings and psalm, placed within the regular format of Common Worship Morning Prayer. The Zoom link is in the 'week ahead' section (NB: for MP only, the waiting room opens at 8.25.)

Keeping in touch with STB : weekly communication from the Chaplain. I will be sending a short weekly sheet like this one, by email, for the foreseeable future. It will contain all details of services and other church activities. If you are not yet on the circulation list to receive these weekly updates, and would like to be, please contact Valerie Muller, on [church@anglican-church-hamburg.de](mailto:church@anglican-church-hamburg.de)

Anyone can join this list for information about church services and activities, so do ask friends and family to sign up too. Thank you to Madeleine and Jens who are kindly printing and delivering hard copies of the weekly sheet to those few, stalwart members of the congregation, who cannot be reached by email.

**Please email me with brief details of STB events, and meetings of STB groups, so that I can include them in this weekly sheet and help our wider community keep in touch with what's going on.**

Just the title, date and time, and a few words if you wish. The weekly deadline is Friday 10.30, for events taking place the following Sunday to Saturday inclusive. Thank you to those of you who have already sent details of your meetings and events. Good to know there is so much going on!

Online book of Condolence for the late Duke of Edinburgh. Following the death of Prince Philip on 9<sup>th</sup> April, you are invited to pay your respects on line if you so wish: <https://www.royal.uk/commemoration-and-condolence-o>

In the context of the pandemic, it has been advised that there should be no physical books of condolence.

The Diocese in Europe is also offering a Zoom Service of Prayer and reflection for HRH Prince Philip on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April (17.15 CET, 16.15 BST – this weekend). You may just be in time to join this live on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95725158111> Meeting ID: 957 2515 8111  
If not, the recorded service will also be available to watch afterwards on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIkkDvrdlo8>



Do you know of anyone with a spare car that I could insure and borrow? Maybe for a few months? I know it's a long shot, but while we can't come together at church I'd now like to start making some visits in person (especially to those who are not joining the throng on Zoom.) I will in any case be careful and limit the number and frequency of contacts I have, but by far the biggest risk of transferring infection, will come from travelling by public transport, when the distances are too far for me to walk or cycle. So, I suddenly thought that someone might be able to solve that problem by lending me a car for a while..... you never know! Do please get in touch if you think you could help.

### **The week ahead**

*Wednesday 21st April:*

Morning Prayer, starting at 08.30

*Feast day of St. Anselm*

Readings for MP:

*Ps 105. Wisdom 9:13-end. Romans 5: 8-11*

You can join Morning Prayer here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82623076177?pwd=ZTZocUcwY25KNnZTajYvQ1JISmlJQT09>

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April:*

Junior Church on Zoom, 09.30 For our younger children, and their families.

If you would like more information, please contact Miriam Hinz and Wendy Sprock on the brand new junior church email: [juniorchurch@anglican-church-hamburg.de](mailto:juniorchurch@anglican-church-hamburg.de)

Evening Prayer at 18.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286260101?pwd=WHG2dmJtTit4bWhiVlJHdCtQnhydz09>

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April:*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter/Vocations Sunday*  
Holy Communion, 10.30

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