

## Prayers for the week

### 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.

### BCP Collect

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Following Holy Communion

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### The Local and Worldwide Church

In our Diocese we pray for Alderbury Deanery  
Worldwide, we pray for The Anglican Church  
in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia  
We pray for Mothers' Union worldwide: Yirol in South Sudan; Ruvuma in Tanzania; Nike & Benin in Nigeria; Canberra & Goulburn in Australia and Dogura in Papua New Guinea

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Third Sunday of Easter

The Parish of the Woodford Valley with Archers Gate  
& Kings Gate

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*Showing love to God through our worship and study; showing love to our communities and God's creation through caring action.*

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### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Third Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 3.12-19 Luke 24.36b-48*

8.30am Holy Communion All Saints Middle Woodford  
10.00am Parish Communion St Andrew Great Durnford  
6.00pm Second Sunday @ Six All Saints Middle Woodford

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Holy Communion All Saints Middle Woodford

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Morning Prayers St Andrew Great Durnford

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 4.5-12 John 10.11-18*

10.00am Parish Communion St Michael Wilsford  
6.00pm Choral Evensong St Andrew Great Durnford

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## Donations

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## **Acts 3. 12-19**

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> '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

## **Luke 24. 36b-48**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, 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.

<sup>44</sup> 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.