



## Church Link No. 110

Easter IV  
08 May 2022

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.

Alternative Collect for Easter IV

This Sunday's Eucharist will be celebrated at St Bartholomew's Church in Ubley at 10:15am, with Messy Church for families at 4:00pm. Said Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Michael's, Compton Martin at 9:00am.

Please see notices below for details of events over the next few weeks, including APCMs (in person) on 16th, 17th, and 18th May.

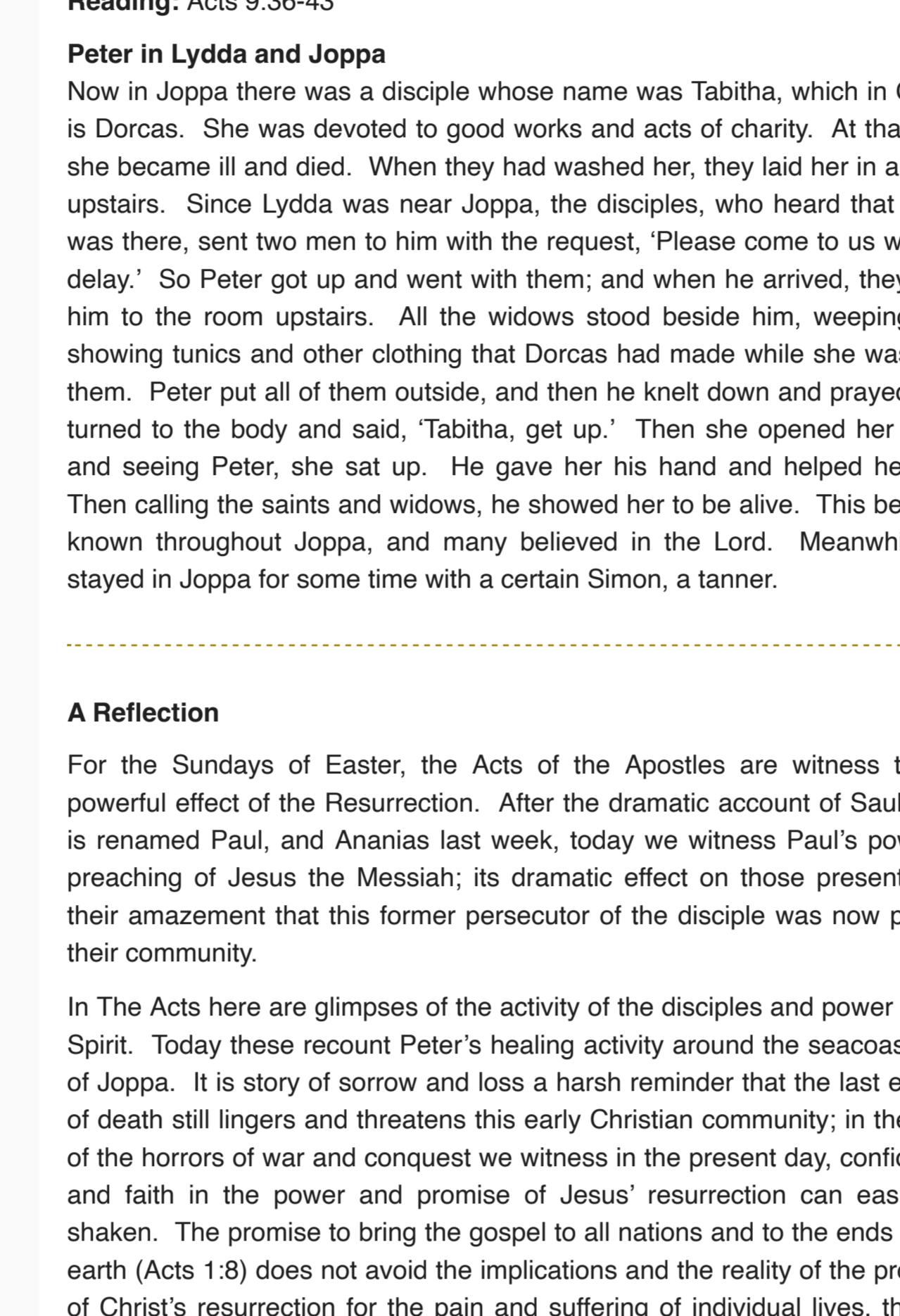
We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Yours in Fellowship,

Rev'd. Simon Lewis

Laura Williams

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### Worship this Week Easter IV

Sunday 8th May

- 9:00am - Holy Communion, St Michael's, Compton Martin
- 10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 4:00pm - Messy Church, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Monday 9th May

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Tuesday 10th May

- 10:15am - Mini Melodies, a toddler group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Wednesday 11th May

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin
- 5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Thursday 12th May

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon
- 12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom

The 10:15am Eucharist on Sunday 15th May will be at St Andrew's, Blagdon

### Reading and Reflection Easter IV

**Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

**Peter in Lydda and Joppa**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and shoving tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**A Reflection**

For the Sundays of Easter, the Acts of the Apostles are witness to the powerful effect of the Resurrection. After the dramatic account of Saul, who is renamed Paul, and Ananias last week, today we witness Paul's powerful preaching of Jesus the Messiah, its dramatic effect on those present; and their amazement that this former persecutor of the disciple was now part of their community.

In The Acts there are glimpses of the activity of the disciples and power of the Spirit. Today these recount Peter's healing activity around the seacoast port of Joppa. It is story of sorrow and loss a harsh reminder that the last enemy of death still lingers and threatens this early Christian community; in the light of the horrors of war and conquest we witness in the present day, confidence and faith in the power and promise of Jesus' resurrection can easily be shaken. The promise to bring the gospel to all nations and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8) does not avoid the implications and the reality of the promise of Christ's resurrection for the pain and suffering of individual lives, then or now.

The story is short; it does not try to hide the deep sorrow and loss of those who care and grieve, nor the transforming power of the resurrection from death to life; it is not hard to identify with those present. It seems clear that Luke's intention is to remind those who read the account of the other 'Upper Room' and the One who came among them; who had moved from death to resurrection, from death to life. The hope that lies within the gospel of Jesus Christ is that Good News in death and in dark times enters the world to bring healing and peace.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

[Psalm 23:4]

**And prayer for Sunday**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise me, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that I 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.

### Online Worship Easter IV - 8th May 2022

The Church of England's online worship will be broadcast at 9:00am on Sunday and remain for viewing on the Church of England's YouTube channel.

[Click here to join](#)

### Children's Corner

This week's Young Church Mag is about the Good Shepherd. You can learn about how he cares for his flock and also about the role of a bishop. It can be downloaded and printed by clicking [this link](#).

### Worship in May

#### Sunday Worship

Sunday 1st May - Easter III  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Sunday 8th May - Easter IV  
9:00am - Holy Communion, St Michael's, Compton Martin

10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

4:00pm - Messy Church, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Sunday 15th May - Easter V  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Sunday 22nd May - Easter VI  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Michael's, Compton Martin

5:00pm - Evening Worship, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Sunday 29th May - Easter VII  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Hugh's, Charterhouse

#### Weekday Worship

Mondays  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Tuesdays  
10:00am - Mini Melodies, toddler group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Wednesdays  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin

5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Thursdays  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon

12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom

Ascension Day - Thursday 24th May  
7:00pm - Ascension Day Worship (non Communion)

St Bartholomew's, Ubley

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings for our three parishes will be held on the following dates from 7pm.

- St Michael's, Compton Martin, Monday 16th May, The Old School Room, Compton Martin
- St Bartholomew's, Ubley, Tuesday 17th May, in the Parish Church, Ubley
- St Andrew's Blagdon with St Hugh's Charterhouse, Wednesday 18th May, in St Andrew's, Blagdon

Meetings in Blagdon and Ubley will begin with an open discussion about the merger of the two churches into a single parish. The Meeting in Compton Martin will begin with the election of churchwardens. All those who reside in each parish, or whose names are entered upon their electoral rolls are entitled to attend these preliminary meetings. Those registered on the electoral role are entitled to attend the APCMs which follow.

For further details please see the notices in your parish church porch.

Forms for the nomination of PCC members and churchwardens can be found below.

[PDF](#)

Member of PCC  
Nomination  
Form

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Nomination  
Form

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Churchwarden  
Nomination  
Form

### Saturday 14th May St Bartholomew's Church, Ubley

Lunch served 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Followed by entertainment



Donations to support the work of  
Christian Aid  
**All Welcome!**

**christian aid**

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

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Jessica Mwodzi is hungry to provide food – and  
hope – for her family.

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.

Drought starves. It robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families.

Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have.

One of these mums is Jessica Mwodzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

'My children crave a good meal, but can't provide.' Jessica says. 'It pains me to send them to bed hungry.'

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She'll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

From envelope collections to walking 200,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives.

This Christian Aid Week (15-21 May), please:

- Give generously to help women grow crops that survive in the drought.
- Act and raise your voice for justice. Join our Loss and Damage campaign.
- Pray that families will stay strong during tough times of drought.

Together, we can turn hunger into hope.

Join us at [cawee.org](#)

Full details of how you can give through local campaigns in our villages in next week's Church Link

### Blagdon Newsletter May 2022

Whilst The Link is unavailable, readers may like to access the sister publication, Blagdon Newsletter. The online edition for May 2022 can be accessed by clicking the banner image above, or please email the [Church Office](#) for a PDF copy.

The Link - Parish Magazine for Ubley and Compton Martin - is currently without an editor. If you would be interested in knowing more about this role, please contact [rachel.branston@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.branston@gmail.com)



Volunteers Needed

We are hoping to open St Hugh's on Sunday afternoons through the summer months, from 2:30pm. If you are able to give a few hours of your time to greet visitors and serve tea, please could you contact Penny Cranford who has kindly agreed to organise a rota: 01761 462418.

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### Blagdon Church and Village Fête

Saturday 21 May, 1-4pm

Blagdon Court, Blagdon

Traditional village fair including:

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|-----------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Plants  | • Cakes          | • Books | • Children's entertainers | • Water or wine       |
| • Tombola | • White elephant | • Toys  | • Barbecue                | • Human fruit machine |
| • Teas    | • Grand draw     |         |                           | • Fizz raffle         |

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