

St Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' ²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Reading 3: Acts Chapter 5 Verses 17-32

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ 'Go, stand in the temple courts,' he said, 'and tell the people all about this new life.' ²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin – the full assembly of the elders of Israel – and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ 'We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.' ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. ²⁵ Then someone came and said, 'Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.' ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. ²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.'



27th April 2025, 11am

All Welcome



Church Service (inc Zoom Service)

Sunday 27th April 2025, at 11am

(Zoom login possible from around 10:45am onwards)

Minister: Revd Neil Mclay, CF

Organist: Ian Crisp

Bible Reading: Sharon Stewart-Andris

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn CH4 – 414 “Come, you faithful, raise the strain”

Ave virgo virginum

Prayers of Approach and Confession, followed by Lord’s Prayer

Hymn CH4 – 722 “Spirit of God, come dwell within me”

Leaving of Lismore

Reading 1: Psalm 118 Verses 14-29

Reading 2: St John Chapter 20 Verses 19-31

Hymn CH4 – 106 “Bring to the Lord a glad new song”

Jerusalem

Reading 3: Acts Chapter 5 Verses 17-32

Sermon

Hymn CH4 – 247 “Moved by the Gospel, let us move”

Ellacombe

(Please remain standing, collection will be brought forward during this hymn)

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn CH4 – 363 “We Have a Gospel to Proclaim”

Walton (Fulda)

Blessing followed by Three Fold Amen

Voluntary: Tuba Tune in D major, C.S. Lang

Reading 1: Psalm 118 Verses 14-29

The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: ‘The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things! ¹⁶The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!’ ¹⁷I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.,¹⁸The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. ²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: ‘The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things! ¹⁶ The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!’ ¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. ¹⁸The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. ²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²²The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. ²⁵Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. ²⁷The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever.

Reading 2: St John Chapter 20 Verses 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits are served in the Church Hall after this service. Our thanks to Neil and Margaret Macdonald for serving this week.

Flowers List The 2025 list for those signing up to provide flowers (or pay for flowers) is now at the back of the church. Our thanks to the Elspeth Russell for the flowers in church this week.

The next Social Committee event is a Scottish Afternoon Tea on Saturday 7 June. Further details will be available nearer the date.

Gift Aiding Money to St Andrew's Church – If you are looking to make gift aid donations to St Andrew's Garrison Church please speak to Bob Megarry for details as to how to arrange this.

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