

**Collect:** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup> 'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

### Luke 24:36b-48

#### Jesus appears to the disciples

<sup>36</sup> Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.' <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

**Post 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.

For your diaries...

**Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>** - 12-2pm Plant and Bake Sale. with ploughman's lunches.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - 2-4pm Royal Wedding cream tea - wear your hats!

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - 7pm Bembridge Singers concert

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - 7pm Phoenix Choir concert

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - all day Bishop Christopher coming to worship with us followed by a community picnic at Oakfield Primary School

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** (Our 175th Anniversary date) 6pm Songs of Praise service.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August** - 10am-12noon Coffee morning

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** Harvest Flowers and Ride & Stride

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** 10am Harvest Festival followed by American supper style lunch

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - 6.30pm Film night (with cheese and wine)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - 7.30pm Inter Church Quiz

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - 2-4pm Christmas Bazaar

### A Prayer for the APCM

Lord God, we thank you for bringing us together today; for the privilege of being able to serve you through helping administer the business of your church here; and for the many gifts you have given us which enable that. Help us to recognise and honour those gifts in ourselves and in one other; give us the grace to allow each one to individually blossom; so that we can complement each other and grow ever closer to what you need us to be as a church.

We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

