

Sunday 5th May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-Style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church
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Collect for Today

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 10:44-end (*p.126*), 1 John 5:1-6 (*p.238*) and John 15:9-17 (*p.106*)

Please pray for

... Janet Armitage, Kat Gillett, Sylvia Holdsworth, Jan & Mark Knott, Del May and Paddy Scott.

... the family and friends of Herbert Doughty, John Holwill and Jack Cox whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Old Court Road, Old Palace Road and Orchard Road.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Donations

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints

Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.



Dear Friends

So, election fever will be with us again this year, with all its political tribalism. Front windows and lawn posts will turn green, red, blue and yellow, and the debating will soon begin.

Imagine, then, if you'd spent years campaigning for one party... and one day the leader turns around and asks you to support the 'other side.' If Rishi Sunak asked Conservatives to wear red and nationalise everything, or Sir Keir turned up in a blue suit espousing the virtues of Maggie Thatcher. It would be quite a shocker...

As we know from the news this week, Humza Yousaf of the SNP has just fallen foul of playing with political identities...

So how does Peter feel about the directive, not just from a Jerusalem Leader, but from the God of Israel Himself - to turn his back on his Jewish identity and break the law of Moses by eating forbidden foods? To break sacred codes and eat non-Kosher animals, alongside non-Jewish people? It's a seminal moment, of huge importance. The moment the followers of Jesus identify Yahweh as not the God-Of-Israel-Exclusively, but the God of Humankind. Imagine the headache that would give you. "God, You're twisting my melon!"

But perhaps we can identify. We have been going through a similar experience in the last few years, in a very interesting parallel. More and more Christians reread lines in the Bible referring to Jesus bringing "salvation for the kosmos", and instead of seeing this as "Salvation for "Humanity", (one translation of Kosmos) they see it now as "Salvation for Creation." (The other translation of the word.) Redemption for the Cosmos. The entire Created Order. That Jesus came to bring salvation for everything; every living thing, every bird and insect, for every stream and tree, for every planet and distant Galaxy. For Creation.

Just as Peter's sense of uniqueness and self-importance may have been dented by his vision, so perhaps is ours. But what is then gained is so much more precious - an abundance of love, a new connectedness to things dismissed as 'other', which far outweighs any sense of being special and chosen.

Food for thought, as they say. Albeit non-Kosher.

Alison

Mission Focus for May: Christian Aid

Christian Aid works to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Christian Aid helps people of all faiths and none. They respond to emergencies caused by earthquakes, war and floods, and long-term projects include those to help set up businesses, promote women's rights, and protect children from being trafficked. www.christianaid.org.uk

Notices

Welcome to Revd Paul Fenner who is presiding at our 8am service this morning.

Tea-time Church: Two men each have a dream. What happens when they meet? Find out at Tea-time Church on Sunday at 4pm! Jo Dwyer.

Ascension Day: Thursday 9th May. We'll be celebrating this festival at 9.30am in the Reading Room. We remember Jesus' return to his Father in heaven 40 days after Easter. Do come and join us for this service which will be followed by refreshments.

PCC Away Morning at Willow Grange, Saturday 11th May: Our PCC and Big Build group will be meeting together to focus on the heart of our ministry and mission at All Saints. Please pray for this important meeting in the life of our church.

APCM: The APCM will be on Sunday 12th May at 11.15am and we very much hope you can join us.

Christian Aid week is Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May:

Please support Christian Aid by:

- Baking cakes for the car wash and bake sale 2pm to 5pm Saturday 18th May at Onslow Village Hall Car Park, or come and buy some cakes!
- Bring your car to be washed – or offer to help wash some cars (even if you cannot come for all 3 hours). Invite your neighbours!
- Deliver envelopes between Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May – we do not need to collect them.
- Give to the work of Christian Aid – using the envelope, or the QR code, or bring your donation to the Car wash and cake sale on 18th May!



Pentecost: Sunday 19th May. We'll be celebrating this festival at 8am with Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion, 10am Morning Worship and 4pm at Tea-time Church. Our 10am service will be a service of Morning Worship with Communion for this special occasion.

Sacristan need: We will be needing a new Sacristan in the autumn. This role involves overseeing the work in the vestry and preparing for Communion services and festivals. Please contact Carolyn Nicholls, our worship warden, if you're interested and would like to find out more.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 6th *Early May Bank Holiday Note, no morning prayer*

Tues 7th Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm

Weds 8th Wednesday Lunch Group, Kempshott, 12.30pm

Funeral of Joyce Matthews, Guildford Crematorium, 3.00pm

Thurs 9th *Ascension Day*

Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am

Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm

Choir Rehearsal, 8.00pm

Fri 10th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am

Sat 11th PCC Away Morning and Meeting, Willow Grange, 9.00am

Sun 12th Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am

APCM, Church, 11.15am

Short PCC Meeting, Reading Room, 12.30pm

Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 6th Ps. 65, Numbers 16:1-35, Luke 6:27-38

Tues 7th Ps. 126, Numbers 16:36-end, Luke 6:39-end

Weds 8th Ps. 132, Numbers 17:1-11, Luke 7:1-10

Thurs 9th Ps. 110, Isaiah 52:7-end, Hebrews 7:11-25.26-end

Fri 10th Ps. 81, Numbers 20:1-13, Luke 7:11-17

Sat 11th Ps. 47, Numbers 21:4-9, Luke 7:18-35

Service Readings for Sunday 12th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5:9-13 and John 17:6-19

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