

Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 8:26-end (*p.123*), 1 John 4:7-end (*p.238*) and John 15:1-8 (*p.106*)

Please pray for

... Kat Gillett, Sylvia Holdsworth, Jan & Mark Knott, Del May and Paddy Scott.
... the family and friends of Jean Mary Penney, Edith Ford, Francis Goulding, Olive Webber and Elsie Smallpeice whose anniversary of death is at this time.
... those who live and work in Madrid Road and Manor Way.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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

If you could pick three passages to talk about, it would be difficult to think of any better!

First: an educated, enquiring man is travelling back home from Jerusalem to Sudan reading from the prophet Isaiah. He almost certainly looked different, felt different and sounded strange. He would probably have been ignored or ostracised by some. But, through Philip explaining a passage of one of the Jewish prophets and no doubt telling him his own story, he experienced the restorative love of Jesus and “went on his way rejoicing”.

Next: Jesus told his disciples, and he also tells us, that he is the true vine and that he cares for the branches connected to him. We are those branches and as we live in union with him as our source, fruitfulness will stream from within us. Quite a promise.

And finally: the Apostle John tells the church: Delightfully loved ones, if Jesus loved us with such tremendous love, then “loving one another” should be our way of life.

Despite my enthusiasm for all three readings, you will be relieved to read that I will only be looking at Philip’s encounter with the man we know as the Ethiopian eunuch.

Do read the passages again when you get home. They provide us with such encouragement, but also challenge us to share our own story, the experience of our life with Jesus, with others.

Martyn

Mission Focus for April: A Rocha

A Rocha works together with other conservation organisations, to care for God's creation through research, conservation projects, environmental education and community outreach. Let us pray for A Rocha as they help to restore eco-diversity. Pray too for ourselves to play our part in caring for God's earth.

Notices

Thank you to everyone who helped with the orchard yesterday. If you've not been down the field recently, do go and take a look, the blossom on the fruit trees is amazing.

Tea-time Church: At this afternoon's 4pm. service we're going to look at a story about Philip, one of Jesus' friends, who met an Ethiopian on the road to Gaza. Why? I wonder what relevance this has for us today! We always have a cuppa afterwards, so do stay.

APCM: The APCM is now set for Sunday 12th May at 11.15am and we very much hope you can join us. The revision period for the Electoral Roll will end on Saturday 27 April and the new Roll will be displayed for 2 weeks from Sunday 28 April. Any additions and deletions that occur up to and including Saturday 27 April will be considered.

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: Our PCC and Big Build group will be meeting together to consider revised plans for the foyer. Following our community audit, we hope to enlarge the foyer area further. We hope to link the worship space and new foyer with folding doors so that we can extend our worship space for larger services. This will enable us to serve coffee in the foyer after services much more easily. Please pray for this morning as our plans develop.

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.

Other dates for your diary: one or two things you might like to pop in your diary now:

- *Christian Aid Car Wash & Cale Sale:* Saturday 18th May 2-5pm, Onslow Village Hall car park,
- *Songs of Praise followed by Strawberry Teas & Produce Sale in the Vicarage Garden:* Sunday 23rd June, 4pm onwards. Start making your jams and chutneys now! Or plant seeds/take cuttings for the plant sale.
- *Godparents' Sunday:* 7th July. Think about inviting godparents to this special service, to remember the vows they made, and recommit ourselves to pray for those who have been baptised.
- *Pet Service:* Sunday 14th July, 4pm. We'll be inviting people to bring animals - large and small - to give thanks and ask for God's blessing.

Diary for the Coming Week

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

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 29th Big Build Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 1st Men's Coffee, Reading Room, 10.30am
Mission Vision Group, 4 Litchfield Way, 5.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm
Thurs 2nd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Fri 3rd Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Sun 5th Holy Communion, 8.00am
Café-Style Altogether Worship, 10.00am
Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 29th Ps. 145, Numbers 9:15-end,10:33-end, Luke 4:38-end
Tues 30th Ps. 19, Numbers 11:1-33, Luke 5:1-11
Weds 1st Ps. 139, Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12
Thurs 2nd Ps. 78:1-39, Numbers 13:1-3,17-end, Luke 5:27-end
Fri 3rd Ps. 138, Numbers 14:1-25, Luke 6:1-11
Sat 4th Ps. 146, Numbers 14:26-end, Luke 6:12-26

Service Readings for Sunday 5th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-end, 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17

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