

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church

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**

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### **Service Readings**

Acts 16:9-15 (*p.132*), Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (*p.257*) and John 14:23-29 (*p.106*)

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### **Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Carole Bookham, Anne Bradbeer, Andrea Fairbairn, Llew Parry (Alison's Dad) and Becki & Jonathan Salmon.

... the family and friends of George Stevens who died recently in a road traffic accident, and for Beverly taking the funeral.

... the family and friends of Surrey Swayne, Elsie Attewell, Cynthia Dunn and David Reiblein whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Scholar's Walk, Scillonian Road and Stag Hill.

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

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### **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.**

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### **Financial Giving**

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

Today I want to introduce you to two women: both Christians, both successful in business, both an inspiration to those around them and for many for generations to come - and both separated by around two thousand years. One ancient, one modern.

In our reading from Acts (a book that we're looking at week-by-week in our Sunday sermons), meet Lydia - a Macedonian trader of fancy purple cloths, who is the first Christian convert of St Paul. She's hospitable and stands out as a notable figure in her community.

In more recent times, meet Wangari Maathai - a Kenyan environmentalist and philanthropist, who asked if God would still look at what we've done with his creation, and think that it was good? She saw a need in her community, and showed her faithful discipleship through her love of the natural world, and her campaigning for its protection.

Two great women of Christ, across two millennia. Let's meet them as we meet today - but above all, let's meet God.

Be blessed this week,

**Paul Young**

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## 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. For more information please see the article in the May Magazine and on their website: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

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## Notices

**Christian Aid:** Thank you to everyone who delivered envelopes; donated through envelopes or QR codes; washed cars, a motorbike and a mobility scooter; baked cakes; counted money and came to get their cars washed/buy cakes! We have so far raised £1088 (plus some gift aid) for Christian Aid. It is not too late to give using the QR code that was on the back of the envelopes or to use the extra envelopes at the back of church/in the foyer to put cash or a cheque into. Just put your envelope in the letter box in the foyer. Thank you!



**Orchard Volunteer Morning: Saturday 31st, 10.30am-1pm.** We'll be tending the saplings and fruit trees – clearing invasive weeds and grass around the base of the trees. We'll do the same for the flower beds. We'll be working on the compost area and putting new plants in the raised beds. Meet by the metal shed (bring tools you can use and gloves). We'd really appreciate help with watering the raised beds and wildflower meadow area during the summer months. If you have time in the week - for example after school or on an evening, do please get in contact with the team/church office.

**Band Rehearsals:** On every first Saturday of the month, the band will be rehearsing in church from 10am-11am. New members are welcome to join us, including children. Please let Andy Wells know if you would like to come.

**Prayer Requests:** we no longer have a prayer request on the website, but we very much welcome requests for prayer direct to Beverly by email. Beverly will then send your request to the Prayer Support Team.

**Support Needed:** We're looking for new members of the Dray Court Team, the Tea-Time Church Team, the Safeguarding Team and Children's Church. If you can spare approximately an hour/week to support these really important ministries, please let Beverly know.

**Coffee after church:** we also need a few more people to help with coffee after church. It may only be once a month, so please let Eve know if this is something you could do. We always have two people each Sunday, so you'd always have help! Without more help, your coffee may be at risk ....

**Ascension Day:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – we'll be holding a communion service in the Reading Room at 9.30am. Please do come along if you're free at that time.

### **Special and NEW Events coming up:**

- **Choral Evensong followed by strawberry teas** at the vicarage on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 4pm
- **Godparent's Sunday** 6<sup>th</sup> July at our 10am and 4pm services. It's a good time to invite your own or your children's Godparents to All Saints for this special day.
- **Pet Service** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 4pm
- **Youth Group BBQ** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30pm - welcoming those getting ready for secondary school. Open to current year 6s as well as our regular members. Do bring a friend.
- **Indoor Picnic with Board Games and cakes**, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 4pm
- **Autumn Fair** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2-5pm

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> *Spring Bank Holiday (note: no Morning Prayer)*

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> *Ascension Day*

Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Paul Morris presiding.

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Band Rehearsal, Church, 10am-11am

Orchard Project Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am

Café Style Altogether Worship, 10.00am

Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Ps. 65, Deuteronomy 26, 1 Peter 4:1-11

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Ps. 126, Deuteronomy 28:1-14, 1 Peter 4:12-end

Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Ps. 132, Deuteronomy 28:58-end, 1 Peter 5

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Ps. 110, Isaiah 52:7-end, Hebrews 7:[11-25]26-end

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Ps. 81, Deuteronomy 29:2-15, 1 John 1:1-2:6

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Ps. 85, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Mark 3:31-end

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## Service Readings for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: 7<sup>th</sup> of Easter

Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 and John 17:20-26

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