

Sunday 12th May 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church
11.15 a.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church
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Collect for Today

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end (*p.114*); 1 John 5:9-13 (*p.239*) and John 17:6-19 (*p.108*)

Please pray for

... Janet Armitage, Margaret Arni, Dave Barclay, Kat Gillett, Sylvia Holdsworth, Jan & Mark Knott, Del May, Paddy Scott and Paul Young.

... the family and friends of Peter Greenacre, Denis Rice and Tony Hayward whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Palmers Lodge, Pentreath Avenue, Poltimore Road and Powell Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Our reading from the Book of Acts for this morning is an unusual one. It's Acts 1:15-17,21-end, and it records the replacement of Judas Iscariot with a disciple called Matthias. It's not fully clear from the two biblical accounts (Matthew 27:3-10 and Acts 1:18-19) quite how Judas died; but both record the tragic story of an untimely death.

That left the early disciples with a problem: who to choose to replace Judas. We might wonder why the eleven disciples didn't simply continue on their own. But from their reading of the scriptures, and through prayer, the disciples had a strong sense that the number 'twelve' was important; and that someone else should step in to take Judas' place.

What seems surprising, from our point of view, is that the disciples choose to decide the matter of 'who next' by choosing lots. That might seem a bit of a gamble to us! But after much prayer, and careful reading of the scriptures – particularly the Psalms – they select two possible contenders: Matthias and Justus. Both of these men had been with Jesus from the beginning of his ministry, through to the extraordinary event of his resurrection. This was important: any new apostle would need to have been an eye-witness to all that Jesus said and did.

So, after the lots are drawn, Matthias is chosen, and takes his place as the twelfth apostle.

What I find interesting about this passage is what it reveals about the way we discern the Lord's will for us today – both in our personal lives, and as a church. That's clearly important here at All Saints, as we make the final decisions about the shape of the new building. We'll be exploring that theme of 'discernment' in our sermon for this morning.

Wishing you every blessing as we seek the Lord together.

Beverly

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

Tea-time Church: In our time together, we'll be exploring how the Lord has led us in the past, and where he may be leading us in the future. Do come and share your best stories! Beverly.

APCM: The APCM is TODAY at 11.15am. Please stay if you can for this important meeting in our church life.

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.

Hard of Hearing Group: we next meet on Monday 20th May at 3pm in the Reading Room. We're open to all who have hearing problems and any who are interested to find out what a difference that makes! There's no specific topic for our talk, so do tell us about anything that is of particular interest to you at the moment. If you are having problems with your Hearing Aid, please phone Trish on 01483 563173 for an appointment between 2pm and 3pm. and we'll try to help!

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.

Autumn Fair! We're starting to think about the Autumn Fair which will be taking place on Saturday 21st September. If you'd like to help with the planning, then let Jo Smalley or Trish know and you can become part of the vibrant Autumn Fair team!

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 13th Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.00am
Women's Bible Study Group, 12.30pm
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Tues 14th Vision Group Chairs Meeting with Lunch, Vicarage, 12.30pm
Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.15pm
Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 15th Dray Court Pentecost Service, 2.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm
- Thurs 16th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
- Fri 17th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sat 18th Prayer Breakfast, 8.30am
Orchard Project Volunteer Morning, 10.00am
Car Wash & Cake Sale, Onslow Village Hall, 2.00pm-5.00pm
- Sun 19th *Pentecost*
BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Communion, 10.00am
Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 13th Ps. 93, Numbers 22:1-35, Luke 7:26-end
- Tues 14th Ps. 16, 1 Samuel 2:27-35, Acts 2:37-end
- Weds 15th Ps. 29, Numbers 23:13-end, Luke 8:16-25
- Thurs 16th Ps. 24, Numbers 24, Luke 8:26-39
- Fri 17th Ps. 28, Numbers 27:12-end, Luke 8:40-end
- Sat 18th Ps. 43, Numbers 32:1-27, Luke 9:1-17

Service Readings for Sunday 19th May: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27 and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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