

Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church – VE Day Celebration

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 9:36-43 (*p.124*), Revelation 7:9-17 (*p.247*) and John 10:22-30 (*p.100*)

Please pray for

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

... please pray for Paul and Zoë and the family, following the sad death of
Roger - a beloved father and grandfather.

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

... those who live and work in Queen Eleanor's Road. Raymond Crescent,
Reindorp Close and Ridgemount.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and
in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his
protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Dear Friends

In these weeks between Easter and Pentecost (on the 5th of June), our lectionary readings take us through the Book of Acts – Luke’s sequel to his Gospel. The Book of Acts is a wonderful mixture of very dramatic occurrences, such as Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus, and deeply ‘ordinary’ and domestic scenes. Today’s reading, from Acts chapter 9, contains a very homely scene, with a disciple called Tabitha (or Dorcas), who spends her life ‘doing good and helping the poor’; but what happens to her in Luke’s account is far from ordinary...

Tabitha’s story raises a variety of different questions, including the extraordinary nature of resurrection. But it also prompts some very practical down to earth questions, concerning what it means to live a ‘good’ life? What are the qualities and actions that characterise a life that is full of grace and good deeds? And how do we determine what that might look like?

We’ll be exploring these questions in our service today.

Wishing you every blessing,

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. For more information please see the article in the May Magazine and on their website: www.christianaid.org.uk

Notices

VE Day Celebrations:

- ★ We'll be celebrating this important day TODAY at 4pm. Please bring any memorabilia you may have and your memories as we celebrate together. Tea and cake will be served afterwards.

Christian Aid Week: Starts TODAY continuing to Saturday 17th May.

Please support Christian Aid by:

- ★ Baking cakes for the car wash and bake sale 2pm to 4.30pm, Saturday 17th May at Onslow Village Hall Car Park, or come and buy some cakes! Please provide a full list of ingredients (handwritten is fine)
- ★ Bring your car to be washed – or offer to help wash some cars (even if you cannot come for all 2½ hours). Invite your neighbours!
- ★ Deliver envelopes between today and Saturday 17th May – we do not need to collect them.
- ★ Give to the work of Christian Aid – using the envelope, or the QR code on the envelope, or bring your donation to the Car wash and cake sale on 17th May!
- ★ Pray for the work of Christian Aid

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

Ascension Day: Thursday 29th 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.

Used Stamps: There is a collection box on the shelf in the foyer for any used stamps. We will be sending them to the Church of Scotland's stamp appeal which this year, is supporting the work of the Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza.

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 12 th	Pastoral Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
Tues 13 th	Vision Group Chairs Meeting, Vicarage, 12.30pm PCC Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 14 th	Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm
Thurs 15 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 21 West Mount, 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal, 8pm
Fri 16 ^h	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 17 th	Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale, Onslow Village Hall Car Park, 2.00pm-4.30pm
Sun 18 th	BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm Youth Group, 5.30pm, Church Hall

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 12 th	Ps. 103, Deuteronomy 9:1-21, Ephesians 4:1-16
Tues 13 th	Ps. 139, Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5, Ephesians 4:17-end
Weds 14 th	Ps. 16, 1 Samuel 2:27-35, Acts 2:37-end
Thurs 15 th	Ps. 118, Deuteronomy 11:8-end, Ephesians 5:15-end
Fri 16 th	Ps. 33, Deuteronomy 12:1-14, Ephesians 6:1-9
Sat 17 th	Ps. 34, Deuteronomy 15:1-18, Ephesians 6:10-end

Service Readings for Sunday 18th May: 5th of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6 and John 13:31-35

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