

Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
10.00 a.m. Morning Worship 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 11:1-18 (*p.126*), Revelation 21:1-6 (*p.257*) and John 13:31-35 (*p.105*)

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 Emmie Ulrich and Isobel Cleave whose anniversary of death is at this time.
... those who live and work in Sandalwood, St Johns Close and St Johns Road.
... 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.**

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

Our Gospel reading for this morning, John 13:31-35 introduces a 'new commandment' that Jesus gave to his followers. It was the command to love. Jesus said, 'I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another'.

On first reading it may not seem like a new commandment. The command to love lies at the heart of the Torah. Leviticus 19:18 reads, 'You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself'. And in Deuteronomy 6:4 we find the commandment, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might'.

What is new is that Jesus is asking his disciples to love each other in the way that he loved them. The context of these words is important: Jesus spoke them on the night before he died, and at the last supper that he would share with his disciples. What he was about to do was to 'show them the full extent of his love' (John 13:1) – which would mean laying down his life for them.

In our service this morning we'll be exploring this commandment, which has become the hall-mark of being a Christian. And as we do that I pray that we'll learn to love each other more.

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

Tea Time Church 4pm today: This week we will be looking at how, through a strange dream, Peter learnt that the Gospel is for everyone!

Christian Aid Week: THANK YOU.... to everyone who has helped during Christian Aid week, whether it has been in delivering envelopes, washing cars, paying for a car wash, baking cakes or buying and eating cakes! We'll update you with the total collection as soon as possible. It's not too late to donate via this website:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/2025-christian-aid-week-all-saints-guildford>

Hear Here Clinic: TOMORROW in the Reading Room from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. No need to book, just come along if you need any help with your hearing aid. Rosemary and Sue will be there to help you out.

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.

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.

Special and NEW Events coming up:

- **Choral Evensong followed by strawberry teas** at the vicarage on Sunday 22nd June, 4pm
- **Pet Service** Sunday 13th July, 4pm
- **Youth Group BBQ** 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 3rd August, 4pm
- **Autumn Fair** Saturday 20th September, 2-5pm

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 19th Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Hearing Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm-3.00pm
- Weds 21st Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm
Premises Meeting, Reading Room, 8.00pm
- Thurs 22nd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Choir Rehearsal, 8pm
- Fri 23rd Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
- Sun 25th Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 19th Ps. 145, Deuteronomy 16:1-20, 1 Peter 1:1-12
- Tues 20th Ps. 19, Deuteronomy 17:8-end, 1 Peter 1:13-end
- Weds 21st Ps. 30, Deuteronomy 18:9-end, 1 Peter 2:1-10
- Thurs 22nd Ps. 57, Deuteronomy 19, 1 Peter 2:11-end
- Fri 23rd Ps. 138, Deuteronomy 21:22-22:8, 1 Peter 3:1-12
- Sat 24th Ps. 146, Deuteronomy 24:5-end, 1 Peter 3:13-end

Service Readings for Sunday 25th May: 6th of Easter

Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 and John 14:23-29

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