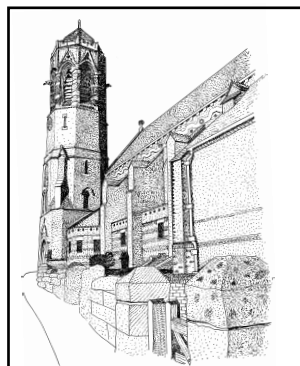


Sunday 17th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Pews News & Service Sheet

People for whom our prayers are asked:

Arlene, Ian, Amber, Pauline, Sally, Tracy, Agatha, Jude, Diane,
Clare & Luke & family, Shane & Toni, Lize, Sarah, Clive & Pauline,
Michael, Henry, and David.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially
Rosemary Brandt

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially
Robin Allcorn, Simon Counsell, and Marjorie Fibbens,

...and all who mourn.



St John's

Ascension Day Mass

This Thursday, 21st May.
Available to view via our
church website's Broadcast
page from 6:30 p.m.



Dear Friends, many of you will have noticed that we have not held our **Annual Meetings** this year. The Church of England has put these back to October. We will have to monitor the situation as we approach that time. Please be assured that the Standing Committee and the PCC continue to have control of the situation. The Standing Committee met by Zoom last week and the PCC will do so at the end of the month.

God be with you,
Fr David



We hope you are well and staying safe in these unpredictable times.

Last week was Christian Aid week, giving us an opportunity to donate to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer from climate change, poverty and now the Coronavirus pandemic

If you would still like to help please send a cheque made out to St John's PCC to the Rectory, 53, Brittany Road, TN38 0RD marked Christian Aid on the reverse. Fr David will then bank them and send the total to Christian Aid on our behalf.

Any amount will be much appreciated and will make a difference.

Thank you and God be with you,
St John's Christian Aid team.

Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been
sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away
all malice and evil
and confessing our sins
with a sincere and true heart.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The priest says the Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all
your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said:

**All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen

Prayer for the Day - The Collect

Let us pray:

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.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 8.20-9.17

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD,
and took of every clean animal and of
every clean bird, and offered burnt-
offerings on the altar. And when the
LORD smelt the pleasing odour, the
LORD said in his heart, 'I will never
again curse the ground because of
humankind, for the inclination of the
human heart is evil from youth; nor
will I ever again destroy every living
creature as I have done.

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and
heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.'

God blessed Noah and his sons, and
said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth. The fear and dread
of you shall rest on every animal of
the earth, and on every bird of the air,
on everything that creeps on the
ground, and on all the fish of the sea;
into your hand they are delivered.
Every moving thing that lives shall be
food for you; and just as I gave you
the green plants, I give you every-
thing.

Only, you shall not eat flesh with its
life, that is, its blood. For your own
lifeblood I will surely require a
reckoning: from every animal I will
require it and from human beings,
each one for the blood of another, I will
require a reckoning for human life.

Whoever sheds the blood of a
human,
by a human shall that person's
blood be shed;

for in his own image

God made humankind.

And you, be fruitful and multiply,
abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

Then God said to Noah and to his sons
with him, 'As for me, I am establishing
my covenant with you and your
descendants after you, and with every
living creature that is with you, the
birds, the domestic animals, and every
animal of the earth with you, as many
as came out of the ark. I establish my
covenant with you, that never again
shall all flesh be cut off by the waters
of a flood, and never again shall there
be a flood to destroy the earth.' God
said, 'This is the sign of the covenant
that I make between me and you and
every living creature that is with you,
for all future generations: I have set my
bow in the clouds, and it shall be a
sign of the covenant between me and
the earth. When I bring clouds over the
earth and the bow is seen in the
clouds, I will remember my covenant
that is between me and you and every
living creature of all flesh; and the
waters shall never again become a
flood to destroy all flesh. When the
bow is in the clouds, I will see it and
remember the everlasting covenant
between God and every living creature
of all flesh that is on the earth.'

God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."
Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an

image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of Lords we own;
alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last,
says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive
for evermore.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you
love me, you will keep my command-
ments. And I will ask the Father, and
he will give you another Advocate, to
be with you for ever. This is the Spirit
of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him
nor knows him. You know him,
because he abides with you, and he
will be in you. I will not leave you
orphaned; I am coming to you. In a
little while the world will no longer see
me, but you will see me; because I
live, you also will live. On that day

you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you. They who
have my commandments and keep
them are those who love me; and those
who love me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love them and reveal
myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In joy and hope let us pray to the
Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us
with the joy of his glorious and life-
giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted
churches
may find fresh strength in the good
news of Easter...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in
Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who
lack food, work or shelter...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may
cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his
presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the
resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy
Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to
his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us
to life,
so his continual presence in us may
raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace *is introduced*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.



Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

All Amen.

*The president takes the bread
and wine.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death
and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in
paradise
and opened to them the gate of life
eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with
gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the
source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you
thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we pray:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.**

Agnus Dei is said:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Grant us peace**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is received



Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post
Communion for the day:*

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.

All Amen.

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us, so we and all your
children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise
your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal
covenant,
make you perfect in every good work
to do his will,
working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All Amen.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

*German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Go in the the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Final hymn

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

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