



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for 10th May 2020

Easter 5

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us, you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Reading – Acts 7; 55-end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Gospel – John 14; 1-14

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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.**

Today Father John will be saying Mass for us from his home. The prayer that follows reflects the fact that while we are not physically receiving bread and wine, we are still spiritually linked to the community and spiritually taking part in the Eucharist.

The Prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Please pray for these people who are sick or in need of prayer

Janice's family, especially Chris and Carol Hextell. Penny Fleming whose health is gradually improving. Jim Moore and Ruth Moore.

Please pray for those who have recently died

Maureen Moore

Please pray for these people whose anniversary falls at this time

Isaac Burke

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Sonia, from us all!

Janice Bissell's funeral is on Tuesday 12th May at 12.00 noon. Please remember her and the family and friends at that time. Photographs are available online in the WhatsApp group, thanks to Joan Wild.

*****There will be an online service of prayer and reflection at 12 midday on Tuesday 12th May. All are welcome to join using the following 'Zoom' link:-***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

Please join us for services 10.00am on Sunday, 7.00 on Wednesday (Evening Prayer), Sunday School on Sunday at 10.30. The Zoom room is open for chat on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00. Links via the website.

St Andrew's needs your financial support at this time when although expenses are less many overheads continue and no rents are coming in. Insurance alone for our beautiful church building costs £130 per week! If you normally give through the bank your contributions will of course be continuing. But if you are not spending much just now, perhaps you could consider donating over and above your regular giving. If you usually give in a white envelope on the collection plate, please contact Carl to arrange to have these safely collected from your house. If you usually give in cash on the collection plate, would you be willing to consider changing to giving through the bank? Fr. John (johnausten151@hotmail.co.uk) can give you details.

Carl can be contacted on 07967 410 155 or at carlhart999@gmail.com

Services online – Service of the Word St Andrew's 10.00am Sunday; Eucharist St Mary's 11.00am; St Andrew's Sunday School 11.00am. Links available on the website.

Everyone is welcome to join the following live services for this coming week

St Mary's Sunday Eucharist from St Mary's rectory, live from 11.00am this coming Sunday by clicking this link - <https://t.co/CINox41n9G>

St Andrew's Wednesday of Easter Week Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

St Andrew's Sunday Morning Service of the Word at 10.00 am, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

Religious programmes on Radio

BBC Radio 4 - Something Understood - Sunday 06:05

BBC Radio 4 - Sunday Worship - Sunday 08:10

BBC Radio 4 (Long Wave) - Daily Service - Monday to Friday - 09:45

BBC Radio 4 - Prayer for the day - Monday to Saturday - 05:43

BBC Radio 3 - Choral Evensong - Wednesday -15:30 (repeated Sunday at 15:00)

BBC Radio 2 - Good Morning Sunday - 06:00 - 09:00 (A mixture of popular music and religious themed conversation)

TV religious programmes are -

BBC 1 - Sunday Worship - Sunday - 11:45

BBC 1 - Songs of Praise - Sunday 13:15

