



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for 24th May 2020

Easter 7

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

Reading; Acts 1; 6-14

So, when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel; John 17; 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion

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.**

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

Rene, Linda, Gloria Boothe

Please pray for those who have recently died

We pray for June Banner, whose funeral is this week, and for her family and friends. Also, for Robert George Alfred Mason, and his family - wife Margarita, son Paul, daughters Mandy and Jane.

Please pray for these people whose anniversary falls at this time

Alf Young, John Bowles, Joan Jones.

Notices

Please join us for worship on Sunday at 10.00am, Sunday School at 11.00am, a service for Ascension Day Thursday at 7.00. No Wednesday service this week. Chat on Tuesday and Wednesday – links on the website.

Parish Magazine If you wish to contribute an article to the parish magazine please email parishmagazine949@gmail.com by 25 May. Many thanks. Eileen. Thanks.

Finance Please remember that 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 making a donation 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. Please mention this to any other church members who may not see this weekly email. If you usually give in cash on the collection plate, would you be willing to consider changing to giving through the bank? Fr. John can give you details. (johnausten151@hotmail.co.uk) Carl can be contacted on 07967 410 155 or at carlhart999@gmail.com

A prayer in time of Coronavirus

God of all hope we call on you today. We pray for those who are living in fear: fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other people's reactions to them. May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty. For those people who are sad about not being able to attend worship in the normal way. For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others. For those who are missing their church friends. Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing can separate us from your love. Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen.

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 Andrew's Midweek Evening Prayer on Wednesday 27st May at 7.00 pm, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

St Andrew's Pentecost Sunday Morning Service of the Word with Eucharist 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

