

St Andrew's Church

4th Sunday of Easter

Newsletter for

April 25th 2021

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Hugh Houghton

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Acts 4;5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Gospel

John 10; 11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.



I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

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.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Heather, Jalal and Jane, Gloria, Debs, Gurparam, Beverly Mitchell. For the people of India.

Anniversary of death: Juliana Herbert, Doris Leyser, June Banner, Romey Lawrence, Geoffrey Williams.

Notices

- **The Electoral Roll will be revised on Sunday 2nd May 2021. If you wish to be included on the Roll and are not already there, please ask for a form. Please also fill in a form if you have changed your address.**
- Rejoice with Tigist and Demelash and their family as they receive leave to remain for two and a half years.

Prayer

Praise to you, O faithful God! You never fail those who trust in you, but you allow them to share in your glory. You fight for us against everything that could attack or do us harm. You are our shepherd, and you free us from the snare. You protect us who honour you, O God; great is the sweetness that you give.