

St Andrew's Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Newsletter for May 9th 2021

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant and Preacher; Archdeacon Jenny

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

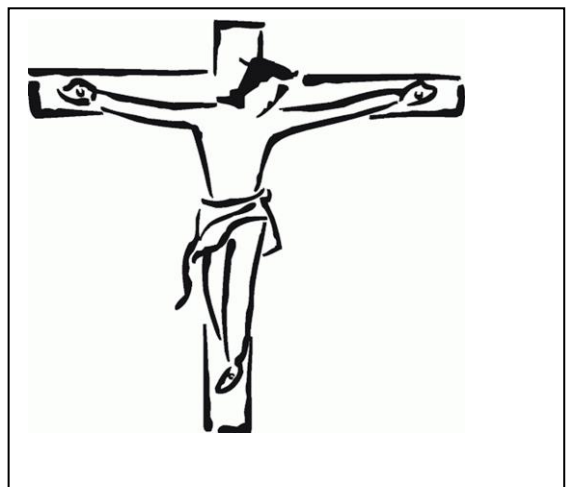
Acts 10;44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel

John 15;9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: We continue to pray for the people of India suffering a major outbreak of Covid. Jonathan, Linda, Joshua, Pam.

Anniversary of death: Isaac Burke, Eric McIldowie, Herman Boothe.

Birthdays: Margaret, Cece

Notices

- **Christian Aid Week 10th -16th May**

There are some Christian Aid Envelopes at the back of church. Please take one for yourself or a friend, and bring it back next week.

Alternatively, Christian Aid has created an online giving page specially for

us. <https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/handsworth-st-andrews-christian-aid-week-2021>

Please give generously to this very worthy cause. Handsworth St Andrews Christian Aid Group's page is set up and ready to go. All the money you raise, and gift-aid permissions, go directly to Christian Aid. Even better, there is no cost to Christian Aid when people donate using your TapSimple page.

Let's create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Another way to give – Mary Bairstow and the boys are doing a bike ride – you can support direct on Just Giving – details on Website.

Ascension Day. We are not able to offer a service on Ascension Day Thursday 13.5.2021

- Please find below details of a service at the Cathedral which you can join on You Tube.
Live Stream - Ascension Day Choral Eucharist
Please join us online for a special Choral Eucharist on Ascension Day.
Time 7:45 p.m.
Venue Via YouTube

A Prayer to use this week

Living Lord, as we celebrate your resurrection, help us also to keep in mind what made it possible: your readiness to endure the agony and anguish of the cross; your love so great that you were willing to lay down your life for our sake. Write that truth once more in our hearts today, so that the worship we offer now will be reinforced by the love we show in turn, to you, to each other and to all. In your name we pray. Amen.

Nick Fawcett