

# *St Andrew's Church*

## *Fifth Sunday after Easter*

*Pew sheet for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

*10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube*

*Celebrant and Preacher; Fr John*

*If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.*

**Hymn numbers for the Mass**      96      223      14      4      491

### **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, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading**

**Acts 11; 1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## Gospel

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



## 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.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Rose Blair, Vicky, Nancy Loveridge, Hazel, Rianne, David, Tabitha Gooding, Linda, Nancy Forbes, Jacqueline Cole, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Kademarlee Bailey, Gloria James, Gloria Boothe, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Mervyn Williams.

**Anniversary of death:** Nell Fielding, Joan Jones.

## Notices

- Ascension Day is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May . There will be a said Mass in church at 10 am.
- Evening Prayer on line Wednesday at 7.00pm, Coffee Morning Thursday 10-12 in the Good Shepherd Hall, gardening at church Saturday 11-1pm.

## A Poem to Pray with

I try so hard to love, Lord,  
to reach out in your name;  
to know the worst in people  
but cherish them the same.  
I strive to show compassion,  
to show I really care –  
yet measured by your goodness  
such love cannot compare.  
For what I give is partial,  
a prize that must be earned;  
its constancy dependent  
on whether it's returned.  
The love you give, in contrast,  
is free and unreserved;  
poured out with no restrictions,  
although it's undeserved.  
Lord, come and work within me,  
transform my heart of stone,  
until the love I offer  
grows closer to your own.