

St Andrew's Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pew sheet for May 8th 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant; Fr Brian and Preacher; Alison

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

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 9 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up.

Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel

John 10 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him

and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them



eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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:

Kadeemarlee Bailey (baby King), Nancy Forbes, Jacqueline Cole, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Gordon, the Clark family, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Rene, Gill Ludford, Claire, Hazel, Rianne, David, Linda,

For those who have recently died:

Anniversary of death: Eric McIldowie, Herman Boothe.

Birthdays: Margaret, Sonia, Stuart

Notices

Christian Aid Week begins next Sunday (15th - 23rd May).

Charities like Christian Aid have recently seen a drop in income, because people have naturally been generous to Ukraine. But countries elsewhere in the world badly need help. Christian Aid's focus this year is on people in Zimbabwe struggling to grow food in a time of merciless drought. There are envelopes at the back of church if you'd like to give some to friends and neighbours and then bring the filled envelopes back to church afterwards. Tins will be available next week if you can use one at work or elsewhere.

Prayer

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the good shepherd of your people: grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.