

# *Welcome to St Andrew's Church Handsworth*

*If you are a visitor thank you for joining us for the service. We are a very friendly and warm community. We hope you will enjoy the service and be filled with God's love. We will pray for you and for your loved ones. We hope to see you again with us.*

**May 21st      Sunday after Ascension**

**10.00 am: Eucharistic Celebration**

**Led by: Fr John**

**Chalice: Sheila**

**Intercessor: Jan**

**Hymn numbers: 14 399 99 62 52**

**First 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.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**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.

## **Notices**

### **Social Evening for Christian Aid**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 7pm to 9pm at Good Shepherd Hall Ticket £5, includes a glass of wine & cheese & biscuits. This evening includes talks from Fr John Austen about the Church in China and Fr Paskal Clement about the Church in Pakistan. Please sign the list at the back of church. Fr Paskal.

### **Pentecost Service - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Pentecost is the birth of the Church. It is also a time to celebrate the diversity of the church. So, the readings, intercessions, and hymns chosen for the service will reflect the diverse nature of our church. Fr Paskal

**Pentecost** Please remember to wear something red for Pentecost.

**Parish Magazine** The next magazine is due out on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday. Please send articles to [parishmagazine949@gmail.com](mailto:parishmagazine949@gmail.com)  
Deadline 21<sup>st</sup> May. Many thanks. Eileen Lawrence

**Prayer for the sick or those in need of**

**prayer:** Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Judi, Monica, Fidelis, Antony, Janet Whyte, Harry Wilkes, Sheila Bott, Linda Daniels, Edmond Griffin, Gill Ludford, Nancy Loveridge, Dawn McKintosh, Deb Jones, Derek Black and family, Caroline P, Loren Haigh, Nancy Forbes, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Rachel, Judith, Erika Clarke, Joshua, Linda.

**Recently Died:** Mrs Turner, Daphne Foster.

**Anniversary of Death:** Alf Young, John Bowles.

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