

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Acts 11.1-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

During the supper, when Judas 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.'

John 13.31-35



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Sunday 19 May 2019
5th Sunday of Easter



Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Post Communion

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.

Green Prayer

Dear Lord,
how desperately we need
to learn to pray.
Yet we are distracted,
stubborn and self-centred.
In your mercy, dear Lord,
help us to love what you desire
for us, to desire what you have
promised, and to work tirelessly
for the growth of your Kingdom
on earth. Amen.

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Acts 11. 1-18

John 13. 31-35

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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HYMNS

108, 661, 201, 660

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Daniel 6. 6-23

Mark 15. 46-16.8

HYMNS

630, 141, 462

Psalms 98



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Michael Green, Philip Catchpole; Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn;

Those who have died: Sue Rocksborough Smith; Jonathan Scadding;

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Richard Hodgson (2008); David Lankey (2009);

Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

Tuesday 21 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 23 May

9.30am Year 1 Study School visit to church

7.30pm Admission of David Simpson as Churchwarden at St Barnabas, North Side, Clapham Common SW4 9SW: all welcome

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 24 May

7.30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 26 MAY—EASTER 6

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

Tuesday 28 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Standing Committee Meeting, Vicarage

Thursday 30 May ASCENSION DAY

8.00am Ascension Day Holy Communion (said)

12 noon Funeral of Sue Rocksborough Smith

8.00pm Brass Group

8.00pm Ascension Day Sung Eucharist, at St Matthews Church, Durham Road

Friday 31 May

7.30pm Choir Practice

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME IN MAY—there will be the 2nd presentation at the 10am service today. The text of last Sunday's presentation is on the website and also copies are in the cross-aisle. There is an information pack for all members of the church together with a response form. Please collect yours today. For some there are two response forms in each envelope. However if you only require one, simply leave the spare in church. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED RESPONSE FORM AND PLACE IN THE RED BOX IN THE CROSS AISLE.** Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK continues TODAY. Please do put a donation in the envelope and leave in the offertory plate. There are plenty of spare envelopes for anyone else you know who might like to contribute. Thank you.

SUE ROCKSBOROUGH SMITH sadly died on Wednesday 15 May after an illness. The family were able to be with her. We give great thanks for her life and for all that she gave to Christ Church. Her funeral is on **THURSDAY 30 MAY at 12 noon** followed by refreshments in the Hall. We hold Simon and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA on 30 May has been cancelled.

SUNDAY CAR PARKING ON COPSE HILL—those who give lifts to less able members of the church are finding it very difficult to drop their passengers and then park on Copse Hill. **PLEASE** could those who are more mobile park your cars a bit further away and be prepared to walk to church leaving the space outside the church available for those who give lifts? Thank you.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK The Foodbank's urgent needs change frequently and can be checked on their website. Currently they need tinned rice pudding, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, sugar, jam, shampoo and toothpaste. Please put donated goods in the box at the back of church. Thank you to all who have supported the collections.

ASCENSION DAY falls on THURSDAY MAY 30. This year all members of Christ Church are invited to join the Wimbledon Team for their Sung Eucharist which will begin at **8pm at St Matthew's Church in Durham Road** to be followed by fizz. However there will be a **said Morning Eucharist at 8am at Christ Church** to which those who cannot join us in the evening will be welcome. Additionally there will be also be a 9.45am said Eucharist that morning at Holy Cross, Douglas Avenue, Motspur Park to which all are welcome.

OPEN GARDENS EVENT last Sunday was an outstanding success. Thank you so much to those who hosted their gardens and in particular to Dee and Muks who opened their garden for refreshments. Special thanks to Tish and the Social Committee for all their hard work. £743 was donated. Congratulations also to Mary and Tim and Pam who won the quiz and to Claire and Pat who won the sweets!

RICHARD HALL, who made a valuable contribution to our church music, is getting married on 1st June to Rachel. If you would like to leave a card and perhaps a gift of some cash, address it to Richard and leave it with a steward or place in John Davey's pigeonhole in the vestry. If you have any questions, please contact John Davey .

GRASS CUTTING round the Church is done by two volunteers— Bill Petch and Nick Robins. One person volunteered last Sunday and it would be good to have one more name so that the job is shared more evenly. Can you help? Mower and petrol is available and it doesn't take too long—and of course it is only a summer job! Please speak to Michael or Bill Petch if you are willing to help. Thank you.

RECENT CHARITABLE GIVING: The Bishop's Lent Appeal raised £962.00 in total, all Gift Aided, so we will be able to reclaim a further £240.50 making a grand total of **£1202.50**. The CMS envelopes on Easter Sunday contained **£266.85** much of which was Gift Aided, which will be claimed by CMS themselves. Thank you for your generosity.