

Sunday 8th May 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 9:36-43 (*p.124*), Revelation 7:9-17 (*p.247*) and John 10:22-30 (*p.100*)

Please pray for

... Pauline Coulter, Penny Farbridge, Jo & David Garrick, Alan Humphreys and Yvonne Quittenton.

... Lucy Wallis and family following the sudden death of Lucy's father this week

... the family and friends of John Holwill and Jack Cox whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work Irwin Road, Iveagh Road, Litchfield Way and Lynwood.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family, visiting friends and family in the States.

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.**

Dear Friends

In these weeks between Easter and Pentecost (on the 5th of June), our lectionary readings take us through the Book of Acts – Luke’s sequel to his Gospel. The Book of Acts is a wonderful mixture of very dramatic occurrences (such as Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus, which we heard about last Sunday), and deeply ‘ordinary’ and domestic scenes. Today’s reading, from Acts chapter 9, contains a very homely scene, with a disciple called Dorcas (or Tabitha), who spends her life ‘doing good and helping the poor’; but what happens to her in Luke’s account is far from ordinary...

Dorcas’ story raises the question: what does it mean to live a ‘good’ life? What are the qualities and actions that characterise a life that is full of ‘good deeds’? And how do we determine what that might look like?

A further question is: what does a Godly life look like – a life lived as followers of Jesus? We’ll be exploring those questions in our services today.

Wishing you every blessing

Beverly

Mission Focus for May: Christian Aid

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For over 75 years, this truth has inspired Christian Aid to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. Christian Aid seeks to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, they amplify their voices to speak truth to those in power and create lasting change. Please pray for a successful Christian Aid Week with wide reaching publicity and good fund-raising. Also pray for beneficiaries of the aid that their lives will be transformed.

Notices

Tea time church at 4pm today – Come and discover what a lovingly restored Austin 7 had in common with the activities of an early Christian disciple called Dorcas. She was a gifted lady: please bring something you have made or created.

PCC Induction Meal at Willow Grange – 7pm, Monday 9th May. This will be a chance to welcome our new PCC members into the team.

Morning prayer on Wednesday 11th May - The Diocese are renting the church for a training course, so Morning Prayer will be on zoom only.

Thursday morning communion on 12th May - will be held in the Vicarage, due to the Diocesan training course

Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale – 2.30 to 4.30pm on 21st May at Onslow Village Hall. Put this in your diary now! Help to distribute Christian Aid envelopes (deliver ONLY) during the week beginning May 15th, and offers to wash cars would be much appreciated. Please let Peter and Carolyn know on 01483 825340

Vicarage Garden lunches are back! Please let Beverly know if you'd like to come for lunch on either Wednesday 8th June or Thursday 16th June, 12.30-2.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along for food, fellowship and to enjoy some time together. (If wet we'll meet in the Vicarage itself).

Confirmation classes – we're planning to run a confirmation course this term ahead of a deanery confirmation service in September. If you would be interested in attending a 6-week course with a view to being confirmed, please let Beverly know.

Crucifer – we'd love to welcome back our crucifers at communion services, but we're a bit thin on the ground. In the past, this has been a role for children, but we'd welcome adults too! If you'd like to do this, have a chat with Beverly or Henrietta.

Secretary to Guildford Deanery Synod - Rebecca Brown stood down as Deanery Synod Secretary a couple of months ago and a successor is now being sought. They're looking for someone who is a good communicator (verbally and through email), an efficient note-taker, and is able to work on their own. There is a small remuneration for hours worked. See Beverly or Trish for the role description if you're interested.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon to Weds 9.15am in church and on Zoom.

Holy Communion on Thursday at 9.15am

Mon 9 th	Pastoral Team, 2.00pm, 5 Elmside Barnabas Group, 5.30pm, 26 Manor Way PCC Induction and Meal, 7.00pm, Willow Grange
Tues 10 th	Central Team (Beverly, Henrietta, Robin, Trish), 5.15pm, Zoom Standing Committee, 8.00pm, Zoom
Weds 11 th	Wednesday Lunch Group, 12.30pm, Kempshott
Thurs 12 th	Holy Communion, 9.15am, Vicarage
Fri 13 th	Toddler Group, 9.30am, Church
Sat 14 th	Prayer Group, 9.00am, Zoom Orchard Project Volunteer morning, 10 – 12, church field
Sun 15 th	BCP Communion, 8.00am Morning Worship, 10.00am Tea-time Church, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 9 th	Ps. 103, Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 2:41-end
Tues 10 th	Ps. 139, Exodus 32:15-34, Luke 3:1-14
Weds 11 th	Ps. 135, Exodus 33, Luke 3:15-22
Thurs 12 th	Ps. 118, Exodus 34:1-10,27-end, Luke 4:1-13
Fri 13 th	Ps. 33, Exodus 35:20-36:7, Luke 4:14-30
Sat 14 th	Ps. 16, 1 Samuel 2:27-35, Acts 2:37-end

Service Readings for Sunday 15th May: 5th of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6 and John 13:31-35

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