

Sunday 29th May 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church: Teddy Bears' Picnic

Collect for Today

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 16:16-34 (*p.132*), Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (*p.258*) and John 17:20-26 (*p.108*)

Please pray for

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

... the family and friends of Cynthia Dunn, David Reiblein, Ivy Garner, Leslie Little, Freda Attewell, Geoff Ellis and Alfred Hester whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Palmers Lodge, Pentreath Avenue, Poltimore Road and Powell Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

This Sunday, in our reading from the Book of Acts, we hear more about Paul's visit to Philippi. He and another disciple called Silas, came to Philippi – in modern day Greece – in response to a vision; and it was the first time the Gospel was preached in Europe. Paul and Silas' first encounter in Philippi was with a group of women, including someone called Lydia. The Lord opened her heart to believe Paul's message; she was baptised on the spot, as she became the first believer that city – with the first church there meeting in her house.

Today's reading also takes place in Philippi, where Paul and Silas encounter another woman – this time a slave girl, who makes money for her owners telling fortunes. What happens is remarkable, and results in Paul and Silas being thrown into prison; it was one of several occasions that Paul found himself in prison for preaching the Gospel. But the Lord intervened in an extraordinary way, resulting in the jailer and his whole family being baptised in the middle of the night...

We'll hear more of the story today, and explore what it means to believe in a God who is intimately involved in the lives of those who follow him.

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

Welcome to Thomas and Helen whose banns are being read for the second time today.

Teddy Bears' Picnic at Tea time church, 4pm today – Bring a rug, your family and a picnic to the lovely church field for a relaxed half-hour, with a few toddler-based activities and time to chat. Don't forget a Teddy Bear - they will be especially welcome! (*in church if wet*)

Thank you to everyone who helped at yesterday's work morning. We got through a multitude of jobs in and around church to keep it clean, tidy and safe.

Collection during the service – from this morning, we are re-introducing the collection. Hopefully you have some cash on you if this is how you like to give. Don't forget, we also have the card reader at the back of church which is very easy to use. Ask a warden or sides person if you're unsure.

Sides People – I'm sure you appreciate the welcome and assistance you get from our sides people every Sunday morning. It's a key role and we are rather short of volunteers. If you think this role might suit you, please have a chat with Henrietta or Beverly. The commitment isn't huge.

'Thy Kingdom Come' we are now in the nine days set aside for prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Do come and visit the prayer stations in the chapel and enjoy the labyrinth in the Garden of Remembrance.

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).

Thursday Communion – as it is a Bank Holiday, there will be no communion service this week, but Morning Prayer will take its place via Zoom.

Confirmation classes – we're running a confirmation course this term ahead of a deanery confirmation service in September. The course will run for 6 sessions from 19th June to 24th July, 2.30-3.30pm in the Reading Room. If you would like to attend this 6-week course with a view to being confirmed, please let Beverly or Andy Wells know.

Calling anyone interested in our young people - the youth group needs you! From September the youth group will be meeting once a month and needs volunteers who are willing to help run the group. We meet from 5.30-7.30pm on a Sunday evening for games, food and a short discussion. It is very relaxed and fun. Anyone interested please contact Jeanette.

Library & Book Stall coordinator needed – if you have some spare time and would like to take and promote and develop our library (day to day admin not included) please let Beverly know.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon and Tues 9.15am in church and on Zoom. Wed and Thurs 9.15am on Zoom only.

- Mon 30th Pastoral Team, 10.00am, Reading Room
Mission Vision Group, 7.30pm, 4 Litchfield Way
- Weds 1st Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm, 2 Beechcroft Drive
- Thurs 2nd Morning Prayer via Zoom, 9.15am
(note, no communion service, due to the Bank Holiday)
- Fri 3rd *(note, no Toddler Group, due to the Bank Holiday)*
- Sun 5th Pentecost
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Café-style Pentecost Altogether Worship, 10.00am
OVRA Jubilee Street Party, 2-4.30pm, The Square
(Tea-time church congregation are invited to join the street party)

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 30th Ps. 93, Numbers 22:1-35, Luke 7:36-end
- Tues 31st Ps. 85, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Mark 3:31-end
- Weds 1st Ps. 29, Numbers 23:13-end, Luke 8:16-25
- Thurs 2nd Ps. 24, Numbers 24, Luke 8:26-39
- Fri 3rd Ps. 28, Numbers 27:12-end, Luke 8:40-end
- Sat 4th Ps. 43, Numbers 32:1-27, Luke 9:1-17

Service Readings for Sunday 5th June: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17 and John 14:8-17 (25-27)

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