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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

## Welcome to All Saints Bingley

**Hymn: 161 Father hear the prayer we offer**

**Collect:** 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**

### A reading from Acts [9:36-43]

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.

**This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God**

### A reading from Revelation [7:9-end]

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is

seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd [see sheet]**

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [10:22-30] Glory to you O Lord.

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.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you O Christ**

**Hymn: 625 Take my life and let it be**

**Communion Hymn: 74 Blessed assurance**

**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**

**Hymn: 511 O Lord, my God**

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**We ask God's healing for:** Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Richard, Edward, Stuart, Stue, Debbie, Chris, Christopher, Janet, Dorothy, Brian, Anne, David, Rosemary, Joyce, Prue and John. We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care: Janet, Jean & Tony.

**We pray for our work with children:** Our local schools, Mini Church, Messy Church, Youth Group, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.

### NOTICES

#### WEDDING DRESS FESTIVAL

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped over the May Bank Holiday weekend at our Wedding Dress Festival or loaned a dress /wedding memorabilia.

Thank you to all Choirs / Groups who participated.

The next meeting of the men's group will be on Tuesday 13th May at 7pm for a SHORT walk starting at 7pm. For those unable to walk we will meet in the Chip and Ern from 7.45pm. We (hopefully) will be having a bowling evening at Sleningford Bowling Green on WEDNESDAY 11th June (time TBC)

A massive THANK YOU for all your donations so far which have been greatly appreciated by HOMELESS not HOPELESS  
Please leave donations in the box at the back of church

Come along to our Knit & Natter at St Aidan's on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 10am-11.30am. Knitting skills are not essential...just natter and enjoy coffee /cake together.

We look forward to seeing you. *Carolyn*

Church Opening - the church is open daily for visitors and private prayer between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00pm



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### Parish Diary

Sunday 11th May

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Holy Communion

11.15 am Community Café

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 am Knit & Natter at St Aidan's

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

8.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

#### Dates for your diary

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Christian Aid Week

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (*weekly until 18<sup>th</sup> June*)  
7.00 pm Organ Recitals

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Ale Saints Beer festival

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day  
7.00 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
6.00 pm Choral Evensong