

## SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am Said Eucharist**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Easter 6**  
**8.45am SAID EUCHARIST**  
**10am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**7pm COMPLINE on Zoom**

### Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**11.45am Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Details and nomination forms for Wardens and PCC on the table in the South Aisle

**Monday 23rd May 11.15am Funeral**—Robert Deakin  
Refreshments in Parish Room from 1.30pm

**Friday June 17th 7.30pm**—Vale Royal String Orchestra here at St Cross. £12 per ticket. Proceeds to VRSO and St Cross. Tickets on sale soon. See flyers around church (to appear soon and also on our website).

**Saturday July 2nd - Open Gardens for Challenge 50.**  
More information to follow.

*Please take this leaflet home with you.*

## ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD



Faithful  
to God  
Friendly  
to all  
Flourishing  
for all

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**8.45 and 10am Eucharists**

*Welcome to St Cross for our morning eucharists.*

### *The Collect for the Day*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

Now 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*

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

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:  
**Glory to you, O Lord***

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*

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

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**