



30th April 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

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Notices

Big Cream Tea

On Sunday 21st May in the afternoon there will be free cream teas for everyone and a bouncy castle for children. To offer scones/jam and/or a donation towards the cost of the bouncy castle, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Coffee Rota

Please check your inbox for the new coffee rota.

Are You the Gardener?

To join the gardening team, please speak to one of the churchwardens today.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 1st May John 14: 1 – 14

Public Holiday: No Morning Prayer

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 2nd May John 10: 22 – 30

Wed 3rd May John 12: 44 – 50

12.00 noon Holy Communion

3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 4th May John 12: 20 – 26

7.30 pm Fr Brian's House Group

Fri 5th May John 14: 1 – 6

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 6th May John 14: 7 – 14

Next Sunday: 7th May

5th Sunday of Easter John 14: 1 – 14

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist followed by celebration refreshments for the coronation

3.30 pm Meet the King of Instruments:
Free Organ Concert

Meet the King of Instruments!

Free Concert, Sunday 7th May, 3.30 pm

Following the recent overhaul work on our organ, this is your chance to hear the instrument put through its paces by organists Tom Salmon and Marco Bresolin with support from a vocal quartet.

The concert will also include a talk about the organ and a rare opportunity to see its inner workings from the comfort of your seat.



10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 635 The Lord is Ris'n Indeed

Offertory hymn 628 The God of Love My Shepherd Is

Recessional hymn 238 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. God.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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.

