



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

Sunday 2 May 2021

Year B

5th Sunday of Easter

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Diocese: Woodford Wells (All Saints & St Andrew) Paul Harcourt, David Blackledge, Mark Castleton, Gareth Dicks, Samuel Pollard, Malcolm Porter, David Baker, Thomas Jee, Urbain Matsalou-Yombe, Gary Wilson, Les Crossland.

The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Redbridge.

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Buganda (The Church in the Province of Uganda)



In the world: for the families of Fares Maatou and Junior Jah, the victims of fatal stabbings last week; for an end to the scourge of knife crime

With Christian Aid: Give thanks for all those preparing for Christian Aid Week. Pray for people to have a sense of anticipation and excitement as they pull together the practical and logistical plans.

In the Parish: Kempton Road, Keppel Road, Kimberley Avenue

Parish Birthdays: Ella Griffith, David Hayes

Those who have asked our prayers:

Immediate need: Robert Akowuah, Shirley Desbois, Steve Crampton, Coraline Edwards, John Medway, Joyce Morris, Dorothy Page, Alice Singh.

Continuing Need: Kwasi Adu-Poku, Julie Alaile, Koreen Ashton, Roxanna Bashir, Zareen Choudary, Marjorie Chuku, Nathaniel Danny David, Eileen Dorrington, Marion Foote, Paul Gray, Bernadette Hoyte, Kaz Januszewski, Christine Lewanika, Theresa Ludderodt, Martin Maddox, Sam Ozurumba, Sarah Rolfe, Eugene Scott, Brian Shippides, Mary Skerritt, Jean and Walter Tee, Vineta Thomas.

Those who have died: Kevin Jenkins, Evelyn Seal, Doris McGoun, Clarice McCarthy & Les Rowe *may they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



Bart's Centre Opening – The centre is now available for community use. The office continues to be staffed Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon.

We acknowledge with sadness the death of Les Rowe at 94, a faithful servant of St Bart's and the parish for many years. Funeral details in due course. We keep Darryl, Rosie and all Les' family in our prayers.

APM/APCM will be on Sunday 30th May 2021 at St Bart's. The electoral roll closes today. There are sign up sheets for each church at the back of each church for PCC (3 members for each church) and DCCs (12 members for St Mary's and 6 for Bart's and Ed's, though DCCs are flexible). All PCC members are ex-officio on their 'home' DCC so don't need to sign up twice. We also are likely to have one vacancy for a parish warden. Deanery Synod elections were last year, but we did not fill one place so we have a casual vacancy - if you want to know what is involved, speak to Shirley Biro.

Fr Fred's licensing date is now Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7.30pm at All Saints Forest Gate. We are waiting for details regarding invitations and will keep you informed.

St Bart's Rota now available at the back of church.

St Edmund's Interim Ministry Our very own Revd Canon Ann Easter has agreed to take on the role of Interim Minister at St Edmund's for the next 6 months at this new and exciting period of it's life. St Edmund's DCC warmly welcomed this last Sunday. Ann does not need to be licensed as she already has a license to the Parish as an associate priest but there will be a service to mark this new stage in due course. From July Revd Christopher Owens will be at St Edmund's for one Sunday per month.

St Mary's – Particularly keep in our prayers Sarah Namatovu who is in Uganda to see her Mum Rebecca Kaule who is unwell as this time. Our thoughts are with the whole family. The new rota is at the back of Church. Please let Quintin know if there is anything amiss on the rota. It was agreed the Patronal Festival will take place Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th July 2021 at St Mary's.

St Mary Magdalene's Choir -We are re-launching our choir in readiness for the time when congregational singing is allowed again. Over the next few weeks there will be socially distanced rehearsals led by our new(ish) Organist & Choirmaster, Dr Chris Maxim, in church after the Sunday morning Eucharist. These rehearsals will last for approximately half an hour and the aim is to be finished by 12.00 noon at the latest.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please come along. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining, please spread the word !

Lightweight Folding Wheelchair Do you know anyone who may need a wheelchair which has only been used a few times ? If you're interested, please contact Quintin or the Parish Office

PCC – our next scheduled PCC is on **Tuesday 11th May 2021** at 7.30pm – venue TBC.

St Bart's next DCC is 2nd May 2021.

St Edmund's next DCC date TBC.

St Mary's next DCC is 14 July 2021.

Deanery Synod next meeting is scheduled for 23 June 2021.

WORSHIP IN THE PARISH

St Mary Magdalene's: Uploaded at our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChNGHSSz6kbFw9bkvc_gLeQ



St Bartholomew's: – Livestreamed from our Facebook page at

https://www.facebook.com/PHTEastHam/live_videos/ Check also our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-O_27TuQCfi_DC29xwd5AA

Zoom link for morning prayers on Sunday to Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84702246349?pwd=QUU3bE1kS0l1dENmL3J3NEMyT0Fmdz09>



Readings for 9nd May

Acts 10.44—; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

Readings for this Sunday

5th Sunday of Easter

Collect:

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.

Readings:

Acts 8.26—

²⁶ An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalms 22.25—

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ◆

I will perform my vows

in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ◆

those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their hearts shall live for ever. [R]

27 All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the Lord, ◆

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ◆

and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth

bow down in worship, ◆

or those who go down to the dust kneel before him ◆

30 He has saved my life for himself;

my descendants shall serve him; ◆

this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

31 They shall come and make known his salvation,

to a people yet unborn, ◆

declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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