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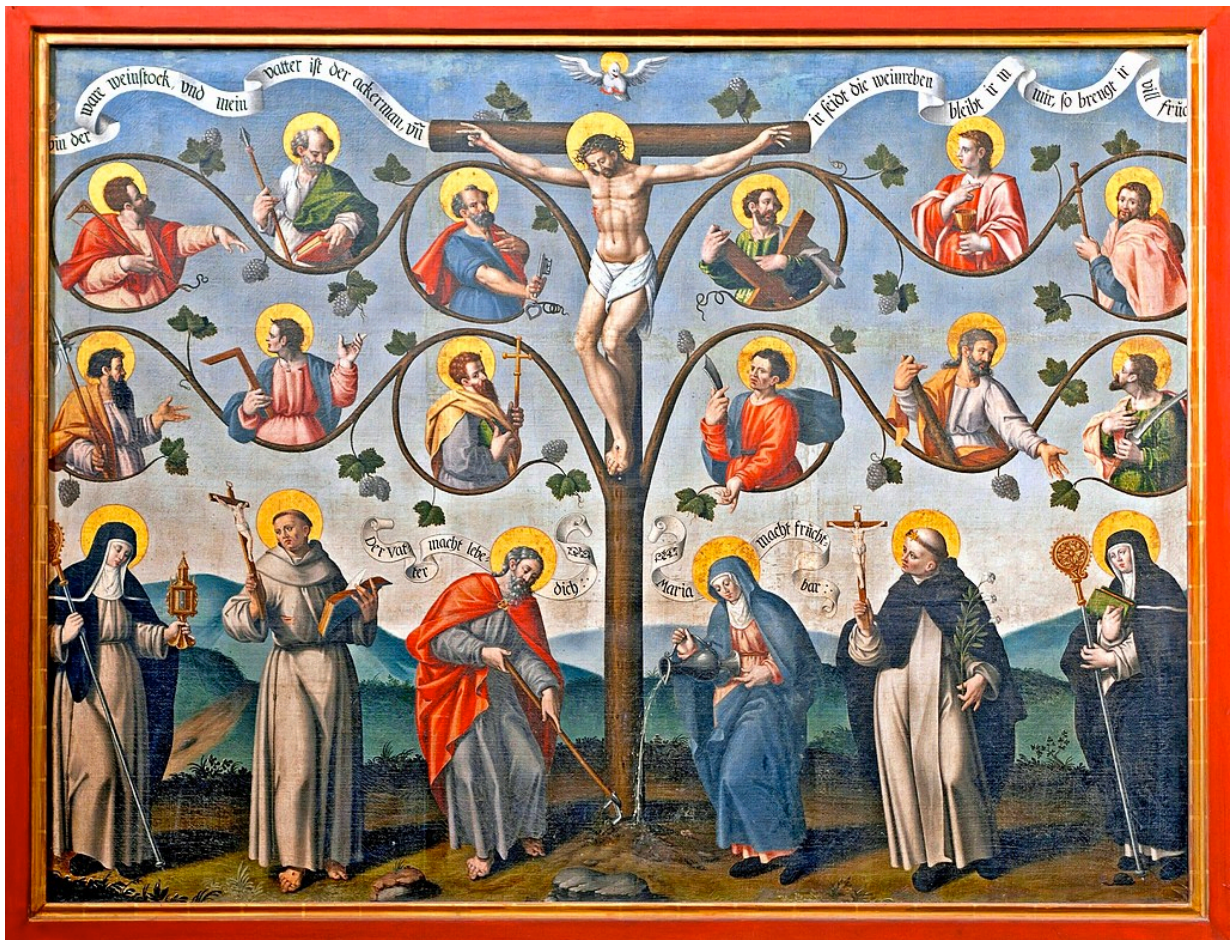
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## 'THE LOOKOUT'

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*Christus, der wahre Weinstock (Christ, the true vine), 17<sup>th</sup> century*

*Stiftskirche St.Castor in Karden on the Mosel, Germany*

## Opening Hymn (recorded service)

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

## The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.**

## The Reading from the New Testament – Acts 8:26-end

Then 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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 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. 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.

### **The Gospel Reading – John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

### **Prayers of Intercession**

***The sick and those who care for them:*** Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, Deirdre West, Beryl Scott, Elizabeth Perkis, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Susan Wiltshire, Ian Aslett, Phil Gervait, Anne Smith, Sarah Neve, Chloe Grenier, Jean Talbot, Patrick Mills, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Anne Prout, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry, Anthony Matthews, Betty Zachariah, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieleto, Damian Leaney, Patricia Fiddler

### ***The recently departed:***

***Anniversaries of death this week:*** Mabel Pougher (3<sup>rd</sup>); Rita Cadman (4<sup>th</sup>); Peggy Winsor (5<sup>th</sup>); Frank Henbest (5<sup>th</sup>); Rivers Bruce Wallis (5<sup>th</sup>); Albert 'Eddie' Scott (6<sup>th</sup>); Alan Grant (6<sup>th</sup>); Frankie Henbest (8<sup>th</sup>); Victoria Edwards (8<sup>th</sup>)

***Special request memorial:*** George Robson (d. 20<sup>th</sup> January 1997); Lillian Robson (d. 27<sup>th</sup> April 1997)

### ***Funerals this week:***

### **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.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 10:44-end; John 15:9-17

*Related readings – 1 John 5:1-6; Psalm 98*

### **Sponsoring The Lookout**

Now that we are printing more copies of The Lookout again it would be helpful, please, if you would consider sponsoring each week's edition. Rising costs mean that we would ask for £10 per week to cover the cost of paper, ink and printer 'clicks'. If you would like to request a particular image for the front cover, please let Fr Anthony know in good time.



## Looking to the future

Previous editions of The Lookout have mentioned that, as soon as it is possible, we will begin to resume our fellowship and social activities, including a weekday coffee morning. We are proposing to continue with two Sunday services through the summer and so coffee will be served in a large marquee between the 1000 and 1130 services. Those attending the later service might like to come early for a cup of coffee and to reacquaint themselves with faces from the 'other' congregation! All being well, by autumn we will return to one main service with coffee served in church after a temporary reordering which will give plenty of space for tables and chairs and a kitchenette: all in anticipation of the larger development project, hopefully next year. **We will be looking for new groups of volunteers** to help with serving coffee, church cleaning and offering lifts to people who may like to come to church but are unable to walk or drive themselves.

## CONTINUING PUBLIC WORSHIP

Numbers will continue be limited to around 30, depending on bubble groups. We will try until June without a booking system but please, each Sunday that you come, indicate which service you will attend the following week, to avoid too many people turning up for one service. Please also arrive in good time to help the Churchwardens organise the seating arrangements.

There are now two **Sunday Eucharists at 1000 and 1130** and a **Thursday Eucharist at 1000**.

Our recorded audio services are still available on our website [www.stmargaret.org.uk](http://www.stmargaret.org.uk), on Alexa or on the 'phone by dialling 01273 92 12 32. Provision will change in late June: the church services will be recorded 'live' on Sundays and then Rowland will very kindly edit to include the readings, sermon and prayers, as now, ready to be heard from Mondays and throughout the week. We remain immensely grateful to Rowland for the hours and hours of work he puts in to ensuring a professionally produced service is available to those who wish to listen at home or in hospital.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

It seems like only yesterday when we held our last meeting in September, postponed from the Spring 2020 because of the pandemic. We are required to hold another by the end of May: ours will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 1900 in church (with restricted numbers, as on Sundays). We will try to keep the meeting brief, electing/re-electing Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. There are 3 PCC vacancies – one is for a PCC Secretary, another for a Deputy Safeguarding Officer and a third 'general' vacancy for which we have already received one nomination. Any questions, please do be in touch with me or the Churchwardens. *Fr Anthony*

## Can you help?

A local family is in urgent need of rehousing, and they need a four-bedroomed house. If you know of anyone who might have one to rent, please be in touch with me. Thank you. *Fr Anthony*

## SUPPORTING THE WHITEHAWK FOODBANK



**Please continue to bring what you can: non-perishable food and toiletries for men, women and children, please.** Donations can be left in the porch on Sunday mornings or during private prayer opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 1400-1500

Financial donations can be made here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

You can make your donation through online supermarket shops. More details can be found here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/2019/06/21/ordering-food-delivery-foodbank/>.

*Please pray for the Foodbank and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services.*