

Sunday 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter

We welcome everyone to our Service today

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4.7)

Hymn 1

Jesus calls us here to meet him

Hymn 2

I am the vine, you are the branches



Hymn 3

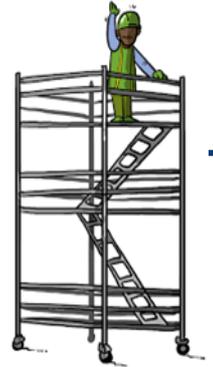
O the mercy of God

Hymn 4

Bread of heaven

Hymn 5

Come down O love divine



Do you have a Scaffold Tower we can use ?

If anyone has a DIY scaffold tower, could they please lend it to the Churchwardens for a while? We have some maintenance that needs to be done but we need longer arms! See/phone/email Richard or Jeff

Sunday Club Appeal – Leaders and Helpers needed !

We are hoping to start running Sunday club again (outdoors for the time being) and I am looking for volunteers to be Sunday Club leaders and helpers! No qualifications required, just a willingness to have fun with the children and get stuck in. If you feel that you may be able to help please email Kate on katedoody2012@gmail.com for more details.

Sunday Club LIVE IN THE CHURCHYARD THIS SUNDAY !

We will be **MEETING** in **PERSON** this Sunday, we will start in Church and then go into the bell tower and then outside! If it's raining, we'll keep dry under the gazebo. All are welcome to join us. For more details please email:

[Katedoody2012@gmail.com](mailto:katedoody2012@gmail.com) or join our Facebook group | **St Mary's Sunday Club.**



Online Services

Although we have returned to services in church we will remember and pray for all those who feel unable to return yet.

Services continue to be premiered on YouTube (under videos):

[Benefice of Bletchingley and Nutfield - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHIZkSxgv0qekIwx2Chw>



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR...**The Worldwide Church and the life of our Diocese**

Rector Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon-Green C.A.



Her Majesty The Queen We pray for our Queen and her family, and for those who govern in her name. Give them health and strength, wisdom and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people.

The Communities of our United Benefice Father, we pray for our neighbourhood. Thank you for the blessing of family, home, friends, food, faith, security and health. We pray for the elderly, lonely, vulnerable and those disconnected from loved ones. We pray for those living with dementia. We ask for your presence to bring order over inner chaos and security over confusion. Give us eyes to see, hearts to love, words to speak, and hands to care for. We pray for all who work in this community, and ask for your strength, energy and protection as they bring your caring touch. Amen.

Ministry with Christ Church South Nutfield

Our World and its needs We praise you, Lord, that you came to this world to bring peace on earth. We pray that the leaders of the nations and people everywhere may turn to you, the Prince of Peace, so that war and terror, cruelty and hatred may end, and peace and justice, kindness and love may reign. We ask this so that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven, for your name's sake. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Our Link with Zimbabwe The people of Zimbabwe and for Bishop Ignatius as he leads the diocese in trying to meet the needs of the people.

Those who are unwell In mind, body or soul. Lord, help them to place their burden into your hands - their fears, weakness, their vulnerable self. Be their strength Lord, be their shield, be their hiding place and grant them Your peace we pray. Amen.



We remember Those whom we love and see no more and those who mourn their loss. With the angels and saints, each day and each night, each shade and each light, I bend my knee in the eye of the Father who created me, in the eye of the Son who redeemed me, in the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me. In love and affection, in wisdom and grace, in love and in fear, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Collect Prayer

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. CW

First Bible Reading Acts 8. 26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward 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 baptised?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptised 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. NRSV

Second Reading 1 John 4. 7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 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. We love because he first loved us. 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. NRSV

Gospel Reading John 15. 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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.

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Post Communion Sentence

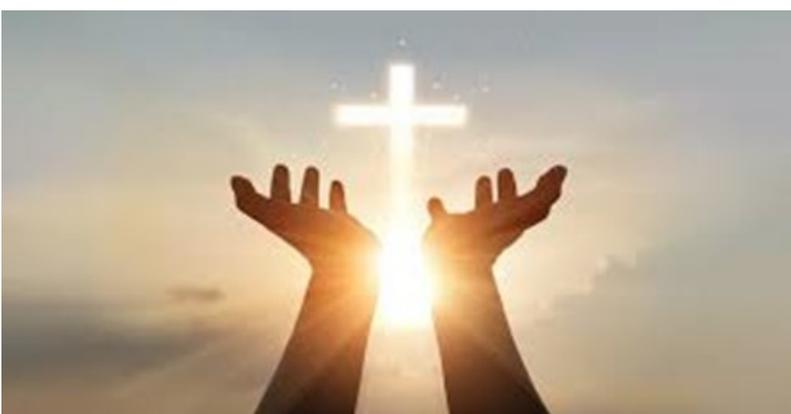
Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. CW

**Prayers for the week**

Lord Jesus, it is better to light one candle than to give up hope and curse the darkness. It is better to save one stranger from deportation and reunite one separated family, than it is to say it is not our problem and we can't do much to help. It is better to join hands in one work of love than to sit on our hands and feel powerless. Lord, help us to love you in the stranger and the refugee. Help us to love ourselves enough to believe that we can change things for the better. Help us to love as you have loved us. Amen *Christian Aid*

I saw a child today, Lord, who will not die tonight, harried into hunger's grave. He was bright and full of life because his father has a job and he has food and water, but somewhere, everywhere, ten thousand life-lamps will go out and not be lit again tomorrow. Lord, teach me my sin. Amen *An African Christian prayer Christian Aid Prayers for the drought in east Africa /05.06*

We come before you Lord needing the love you alone can provide, and knowing that within you



and by you and through you all that we need can be found. Pour out upon us today your grace and mercy - make your Spirit move strongly within us - that in our hearts there may be an abundance of your holy love and in our minds the fullness of your sacred word. Abide in us and with us and help us to abide in you as we proclaim your glory and seek your strength - both now, and indeed forevermore. Amen.

Daily Readings for the Week 3 May to 8 May

Monday 3 May	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday 4 May	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18
Wednesday 5 May	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31
Thursday 6 May	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34
Friday 7 May	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43
Saturday 8 May	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45

U p c o m i n g S e r v i c e s

Sun 9 May	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 13 May	8pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Sun 16 May	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 23 May	9.30am	Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion
Sun 30 May	9.30 am	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Other Services at St. Mary's Monday to Saturday

The church is open daily from 9am to 5pm for morning and evening prayer.



Thank you to Averil and Jenny

I'm sure you will agree that over the years we have been privileged to have seen some truly beautiful flower arrangements in the church for all occasions which have been dutifully organised and arranged by Averil and assisted by the rest of the floristry team.

The time has now come though, that Averil and Averil's number two, Jenny, have decided to step down from organising the flowers, although both will continue to help out.

Averil has been organising the flowers since taking over from Muriel Rossiter who left around 20 years ago! We really do owe Averil a huge debt of gratitude for all of her hard work over the years and also to Jenny for so ably assisting Averil. A very BIG Thank You to you both.

Congratulations to Vicki...

We would like to congratulate Vicki Gillespie who has enthusiastically agreed to take over organising the flowers and the team.



Getting in Touch

Rev Phe.

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help, if you, or someone you know, would like to talk to, or be prayed for at our daily prayers during the week, then please do contact Rev Phe (if you are asking on behalf of someone else please seek their permission).



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The Benefice Office

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Hatch & Match with Rev Phe



If you would like to discuss a baptism or are planning to marry, then please, in the first instance, contact Elaine in the office to arrange a meeting with Rev Phe.



Copy Deadline

Please send notices to Elaine via the office as above, by 10am each Tuesday for inclusion in the next Sunday sheet, thank you.



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