

NOTICES

St John's Fair: Thank you to all those who gave goods, time and energy; and to all those who came and supported. We raised over £1300 which was an excellent result. Following the sale, many loads were taken to charity shops, to the Food Bank, or to be re-cycled.

New! Craft & Cake Social group: Meeting at St John's fortnightly starting Thurs 19th May 2 - 4pm (subsequent dates tbc). Bring along a craft to work on or just come along for a chat & cake! A chance to learn something new and share your craft with others; sewing, knitting, woodwork, drawing, painting, paper-craft - all are welcome!

Christian Aid Week: You should find a Christian Aid envelope tucked into your pew sheet this week and next. Please consider putting some money into it, or into the collecting bucket nearby. Many of us have supported Christian Aid as part of the DEC Appeal for Ukraine, but their vital work continues throughout the world (Zimbabwe is highlighted in their promotional material this year) and is in danger of being over-looked as we all focus on urgent matters. You may find it easier to donate on line.

A small group of St John's parishioners will be collecting in town on Monday 16 May, 10am to 4pm (other churches will be on duty during the week) please support them!

The Revd Geoffrey Wrayford: We have learned of the death of Geoffrey who will be remembered with great affection by many at St John's and St Katharine's. He kept in touch and was always interested in news from our parishes. May he and his wife, Janet, who died last year, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Cake Sale: Jan and Rachel thank you for supporting the cake sale at church last Sunday. A total of £38.50 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society. For information on the charity; www.alzheimers.org.uk

DIARY DATES

Tues 24 May	Bereavement Course starts at St Mary's 7pm St John's APCM (SJ)
Sat 28 May	9.30am Well Dressing Service SJ
Tues 31 May	11am Julian Meeting (SJ)
Thurs 2 June	10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
Sun 5 June	Jubilee Celebrations (SK)

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SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion at St John's

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

11.15am Morning Service at St Katharine's - Rogation

Followed by SK APCM

Friday 13 May

6.30pm Choir Practice at St John's

SJ

Monday 16 May

SJ & SK Christian Aid Collecting in Westway

Tuesday 17 May

7pm Bennett Centre team meeting

BC

Thursday 19 May

2pm to 4pm Crafts and Cake Social group at St John's

SJ

Friday 20 May

6.30pm Choir Practice at St John's

SJ

Saturday 21 May

10.00am Christian Aid Coffee Morning (Wesley)

SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

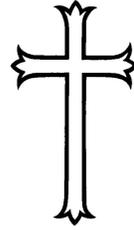
8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Acts 11.1-18

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.'

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

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GOSPEL: John 13.31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

When he 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.'

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