

**The Parish of Christ Church  
with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul  
St Leonards on Sea**



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Liturgy for those at Home  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

*Welcome to Christ Church. You are very welcome to join us for our worship, and afterwards for refreshments. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to one of the clergy. If you would like to join our mailing list and keep up to date with our upcoming services and events, email [christchurchmailing@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchmailing@gmail.com).*

*We are open daily from 8.30am for prayer, to light a candle or simply to visit this beautiful House of God. The Daily Offices of Morning & Evening Prayer are usually said at 8.30am & 5.30pm Monday – Friday in the Sanctuary: open to all.*

### **This Week at Christ Church: Monday to Wednesday**

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Weekday**

Mass Readings: Acts 14.5-18; Psalm 113b (115); John 14.21-26

Mass Intention: Christian Aid (Start of Christian Aid Week)

9.30am – 11.30am - Parish Book Room Open

No 1030 Mass

6.00pm - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Weekday**

Mass Readings: Acts 14.19-28; Psalm 144 (145); John 14.27-31

Mass Intention: 9<sup>th</sup> Hastings Scouts

10.30am - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*

No 6pm Mass

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Weekday**

Mass Readings: Acts 15.1-6; Psalm 121 (122); John 15.1-8

Mass Intention: Those preparing for marriage

9.30am – 11.30am - Parish Book Room Open

10.00am - Holy Rosary *in Lady Chapel*

10.30am - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*

6.00pm - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*

## **This Week at Christ Church: Thursday to Sunday**

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – St Dunstan, Bishop**

Mass Readings: Acts 15.7-21; Psalm 95 (96); John 15.9-11

Mass Intention: Musicians

10.30am - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*  
6.00pm - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Weekday**

Mass Readings: Acts 11.5-18; Psalm 56 (57); John 15.12-17

Mass Intention: The Departed

10.30am - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*  
6.00pm - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Easter Weekday**

Mass Readings: Acts 16.1-10; Psalm 99 (100); John 15.18-21

Mass Intention: The Confraternity of Our Lady

10.30am - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*  
5.15pm - Choral Evensong

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Mass Readings: Acts 15. 1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66 (67); Revelation 21. 10-14, 22-23, John 14.23-29

Mass Intention: The Parish

8.00am - Said Mass *in the Lady Chapel*  
9.30am - Informal Mass  
10.30am - Solemn Mass *followed by refreshments*

## Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. *Cf. Ps 97: 1-2*

## Hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from  
death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the  
prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their  
way  
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him  
bow,  
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we  
sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluya!  
Amen.

Words St Fulbert of Chartres Tune ST FULBERT  
tr Robert Campbell H.J. Gauntlett

## The Greeting

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## The Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus Christ, you have shown up the way to the Father

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

You reveal the consolation of the truth

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy**

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father; we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
the Father.**

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Acts 14.2.21-27; Psalm 144 (145); Revelation 21.1-5; John 13.31-35*

**First Reading** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm from Psalm 144 (145)**

**/R: I will bless your name forever, O God my King**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. /R

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God, /R

to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.  
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. /R

## **Second Reading** A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another just as I have loved you,  
says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

A reading (+) from the Holy Gospel (+) according to John (+)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily** – *Fr Thomas*

"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples." With these words, Jesus begins what is known as the 'Farewell Discourse' in John's Gospel: He is setting out His plan, His vision – indeed, His commands – to His disciples for the Church of which He is the head. And so how could it begin with anything other than love? Love, quite naturally and rightly, is the focus of the God who is love. He tells us to love each other, just as He has loved – and continues to love – us. Love is what sums up His teaching and our faith. Love of God, love of each other. Fundamentally, it's all about love.

Now, the world will tell you that this is glib, trite or naïve. That this isn't 'how things work'. It tells us that proclamations of love are all well and good from hand-wringing parsons in their pulpits, but they are best confined to Sundays so that we can then all spend the rest of the time being more realistic and getting on with things. But this is just another of the great lies of the world and the Enemy. Neither is love, or an emphasis on love, a sign of weakness either: we see on the Cross the strength and power of love – love which overcame sin and death, which defeated them

and all the powers of hell. Love which opened up our way to the fullness of life in this world and the next.

Because to talk about love is *not* glib, trite or naïve. Love is certainly not easy, or straightforward, or – as Christ has shown us – without cost. His love was such that He laid down His life for us. This is the sort of love that He showed us, and that He wants us to show each other. To show in our own lives. To love the irritating, the weird and the difficult: to love the stranger, the outcast and the person we'd really rather pretend wasn't there. To love always, not just when we are feeling tip-top and perky. To love with words and with deeds: with gestures and with actions. To put love at the centre of our lives in whatever way we can, so that we can better live, abiding in the love that God has for us.

And as we do so, as we try to live out the love that He has shown to us, our prayer must also be that the Spirit of God would dwell in us – that our love would open our hearts and lives to that Spirit. In a few weeks' time, we will celebrate the first descent of that spirit into the hearts and lives of the disciples at Pentecost; as we look forward to that great feast, the birthday of Christ's Church, let's pray with renewed fervour that the Lord the Giver of Life would make our hearts places where He will dwell. That by His grace, our hearts – our lives – may be transformed by love, to be the dwelling places of Love itself.

## **The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death**

**and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil. Graciously grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will; who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I ask

you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

### **Anima Christi** (translation by St John Henry Newman)

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification  
Body of Christ, be my salvation  
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins  
Water from Christ's side, wash out my stains  
Passion of Christ, my comfort be  
O good Jesu, hear thou me  
In thy wounds I fain would hide  
Ne'er to be parted from thy side  
Guard me when my foes assail me  
Call me when my life shall fail me  
Bid me come to thee above  
With thy saints to sing thy love  
World without end. Amen

### **Prayer of St Richard of Chichester**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have won for us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.  
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen

### **Hymn**

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the  
seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.**

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy  
sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?  
Soar we now where Christ has  
led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;

Ours the cross, the grave, the  
skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and  
heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Words Charles Wesley Tune SAVANNAH

**Prayer** (after St Augustine of Hippo)

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

May almighty God bless us, keep us free from evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia., **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia**

**Hymn**

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy 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,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

### **Regina Caeli:**

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As He promised hath arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

## **News & Notices**

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**Today** We say 'au revoir' to Philip Crow as he and Pamela move to Cumbria, and we thank him for his ministry among us, as in the School, the Confraternity of Our Lady and organising the weekly recitation of the Rosary. Bishop Peter is conducting a Confirmation at Fr Sean Gilbert's Church in South Norwood. He will then be away for a week on a post-Easter break.

**Next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 5.15pm** The choir of St Mary's Church, St Neots, Cambridgeshire will be joining our choir to sing Choral Evensong. Our Founder, Charles Lyndhurst-Vaughan, was Rector of St Mary's, St Neots before he started his ministry here at Christ Church. We are hoping that a good number of our congregation will be able to join us

for the service and support both choirs. *David Smith, Director of Music*

**Lesley Manser RIP** Funeral Service Tuesday 24 May 12 noon in Church followed by 1.15 at the Crematorium

**May Sale** The final result is now £433. 17 – an excellent amount. This includes the pre-sales, and cakes sold on Sunday. Many thanks to all those involved in any way, and to those who supported it.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** we are having a **Tea Party** to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be held in the courtyard at **3.30 – 5.00 pm**. Tickets will be on sale at £6; a raffle will be held in aid of the organ restoration. We hope you will join in this celebration. Please see Fiona Evans or Celia Manning.

### **Restoration of the Church fabric**

The scaffolding on the south side of the Church is due to be completely dismantled this week. This will enable the sub-contractors to finish installing the new guttering and downpipes. These will have greater capacity to handle the extreme weather experienced as a result of climate change.

We are about to submit an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards repair of the west, north and part of the east side of the Church. If successful this will call further upon the Church's reserves, which makes the success of the forthcoming stewardship campaign all the more important if we are to balance the books and cease to depend upon diminishing or almost non-existent reserves.

### **Stewardship Campaign: Mind the Gap Part 2**

This Sunday there is an invitation to all on the electoral roll to the **stewardship supper on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 6 pm**. The campaign will run from then until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. At the supper the challenge about our finances will be presented. Our annual deficit is £27,000 but we believe that if everyone is able to respond we shall be able to close the gap. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like an invitation, please have a word with one of the sidesmen.

## For Your Prayers

### **From the congregation**

Kathleen Hughes, Wil Jewitt, David Dawkins, Mary Ralph, Christopher Goodman, Mick Hart, Una Wade, Jane Read

### **For those in urgent need**

Pippa Parker, Sonia Russell, Keith Morrison, Zahraan Nazir, Avan Nazir, Anastasia Nazir, Andy Piper, Martin Stringer, Margot, Liz

### **For those for whom our prayers are asked in the longer term**

Alex Farrant, Maureen Pocock, Monica Ellis, Howard Hill, Marley Nasse, Katie Robinson, Christine Lee, Colin Rushforth, Hugo Rudolf, James Bradley, Tim Chappel, Jeffrey Dawson, Cameron Matheson, Bruce McGillvray, Sharon Foster, Mark Lamprell, Ian Grafton, Roy Allingham, Ray Hart, Dave Darby, Beverly Chard, Julia Byne Tutt, Barbara Childs, Brian Marlow, Arnold Kruger

## **THE DEPARTED**

Recently departed Lesley Manser

### Anniversaries

15th	Gordon Waller, <i>priest</i> , Florence Nye
16th	Donald Prescott, Eleanor de Rooij-Cliff, Lillian Wilson
17th	Thomas Pink, Jessie Shaw
18th	Ethel Cleverly, Percy Sutton, William Davies, William Wheatley
19th	Robert Bryant, Enid Jupp, Jack Bramley, Vic Hudson
20th	Br Martin SSF
21st	William Thompsett, Ted Hughes, Edith Wild, Jill Nash, Amy Bennett

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