

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Baby Group <b>1930 Said Eucharist</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	1000 ToddlerTime <b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1200 Funeral Service - Rob Hill <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	1100 Interment of Ashes - Roy Sturmey 1900 Juniors & Men Choir Practice
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10am Family Communion for All - Pentecost</b> <b>1100 APCM</b>

The flowers today in church today have been given by Clare & Rob Smith in loving memory on the first anniversary of the loss of Wendy Chalker.

### Thy Kingdom Come: 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May

A global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Resources will be online this year, due to restrictions relating to COVID. For a range of printed and digital resources to help with prayer, visit **ThyKingdomCome.global**

## News

**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, APCM after the 10am Pentecost-Family Communion Service for all ages**

The Electoral Roll is now closed and will re-open after the APCM.

**The Annual Financial Statements and APCM Essential Group Reports are available on the church website.**

There are some printed copies for those unable to go online (personal copies, no sharing please).

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> June: Celebration of Rachel's Ordination to the priesthood**

**The usual 9:15am Parish Communion service on that Sunday will be moved to 4pm.**

This will hopefully be followed with celebratory drinks in the Hall and outside (more details to follow). Please come to support Rachel and her family on this important day.

**Sick List:** We have just conducted a review of our Sunday Intercessions sick list, which we do periodically. Some names have been moved to the ministry team daily prayer list. If you would like an update on anyone or have a query please talk to Rev'd Jenny.

## Welcome

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**7th Sunday of Easter**

## Services Today

**REMINDER: Social distancing rules apply, use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on!**

**8am Said Eucharist**

**9:15am Parish Communion** Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.

*Youth & Children's Church* **YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.**

**Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 to 4 - Hall**  
(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

**Years 5 upwards in the Parish Room**

*Music* **No hymns to be sung by the congregation for now.**

Choir: Jesus shall reign / Lord of all hopefulness

Darke in F

Rutter - The Lord bless you and keep you

Organ: Prelude on 'Down Ampney' Richard Popplewell

Chorale Prelude *Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn* J S Bach

This week we pray for all who live and work in Barleycroft Road.

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**Sunday 16 May 2021**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**1 John 5: 9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**John 17: 6-19**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

**Next Sunday: Only one service at 10am for all ages;**

**Family Communion for Pentecost**

**Followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

**Next Readings: Sunday 23 May 2021 @ 10AM**

**Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27, 16.4b -15**