

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	30 th	2100 Online Compline Week of half-term school holidays
Tuesday	31 st	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	1 st	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	2 nd	2100 Online Compline Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Friday	3 rd	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Saturday	4 th	
Sunday	5 th	1000 Family Communion 1100 BYO Picnic - Platinum Jubilee

Our warmest congratulations to Rev'd Liz Lavelle, appointed as Priest-in-Charge in the benefice of Dunton, Wrestlingworth and Eyeworth in Beds. She will be licensed, by the Bishop of Bedford, at the end of July.

Flower Team Appeal:

With the double celebrations of Pentecost and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, they would appreciate donations towards next Sunday's flowers. Please hand monies directly to Diane Hemmings or to the Parish Office asap. Thank you.

They are also grateful for foliage or greenery donations, please leave them in the water-filled pails in the Prayer Garden by Wed, 1st June.

News

Next Sunday 5th June:
(only one special Festival service)

10am Pentecost Sunday - Family Communion Service followed by **11am Platinum Jubilee Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch & Celebrations**

Saturday 18th June: Summer

Fete from 12 noon to 3pm with BBQ & Pulled Pork, Pimms, Raffle, Bottle Tombola, Games, Crafts & Activities, Cream Teas, Raffle, etc.

STALL VOLUNTEERS:

Please sign up on the rotas. If you are away, please consider donating instead? Even if you are helping and if you can, please donate anyway.

We urgently need a variety of items (strictly no bric-a-brac or jumble).

Please sign up to **donate food & drink** (long life) for the **RAFFLE HAMPERS** or obtain other high value prizes eg; electrical/electronic goods, gift vouchers (restaurants, shops or leisure) etc. **BOTTLE**

TOMBOLA - alcohol, drinkables or toiletries but not household cleaning products please) - Please drop off asap into labelled boxes, located at the back of church. **HOMEMADE CAKES** (large or small)

12 GAZEBOS on loan-please sign up.

Welcome

Sunday 29th May 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & Children's Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

Church (YACC) Years 5 to 7 - Song School

Year 8 upwards in the Cellar

Congregational setting: Archer

Music

Hymns: 2, 174 (tune 248), 318, 490

Choir: On half-term holiday

This week we pray for all who live and work in Lemsford Lane, The Great North Road, de Soissons Close, Sefton Court and Amethyst Walk.

Next Sunday, 5th June is the 10am Pentecost - Family Communion Service

for All Ages (in place of the usual 8am and 9:15am services).

Ending with a Bring Your Own (BYO) Picnic in celebration of

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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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 16: 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.'

She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities.

When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

I, John, heard a voice saying to me:

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17: 20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Next Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17 (Pentecost Service@10am only)