



The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley



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30th May 2022.
7th Sunday of Easter.

We join with the whole world praying for Ukraine as the people there continue to resist invasion.

Prayer for Today

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father
 Amen

CAN YOU HELP?

Hall Bookings Co-Ordinator- We are urgently looking for someone to manage the bookings for our hall. This is an occasional role when required. If you feel God is calling you to this role, please speak to Carol- Churchwarden. Thank You.

Chorley Foodbank- This week, donations of **Teabags, Tuna, Tinned Spaghetti, Long life milk** are desperately needed: please put any donations at the back of church. Thank you!!

Activity packs for hospitalised children: Please check the collection box at the back of church for more information of what is required. All donations gratefully received.

Stamp collection- Please bring any used stamps to church and put them in the box marked at the back – these go towards raising money for Multiple Sclerosis charities. **Note: please include 1cm of the envelope around the stamp!**

NOTICES

West End Restoration Works- from Tuesday 19th April until Tuesday 5th July there will be scaffolding inside and outside of our church as this urgent work is carried out. There will be some minor disruption during this time, but all church services will continue as normal in church. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Church Warden Vacancy- Message from Fr Neil
On Sunday 12th June at 9.45am there will be a special congregational meeting for the sole purpose of appointing a second churchwarden to serve in the forthcoming year. Please consider if you are able to serve St Peter's in this way as we prioritise building for our future and begin to make plans.

Thy Kingdom Come- Novena books and Prayer books are available at the back of church which covers the 10 days between Ascension to Pentecost. Please take a copy.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral emergency – emergency anointing/communion/baptism (24/7): 07572 901345

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Chorley Good Food Club- Chorley Buddies will be opening this club at St Joseph's Parish Centre on 7th June and are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please see the poster on the notice board at the back of church or phone 01257 542367.

HYMNS

Processional	580	Rejoice the Lord is king
Offertory	16	All hail the power of Jesu's name
Communion 1	84	Breathe on me breath of God
Communion 2	137	Crown him with many crowns
Communion 3	105	Christ whose glory fills the skies
Recessional	255	Hail the day the sees him rise

THIS WEEKS SERVICES

Sunday 30th May- Eucharist 8am,
 Parish Eucharist-10am
Wednesday 1st June- Parish Eucharist 10am
Thursday 2nd June- Morning Prayer 9am
Sunday 5th June- Eucharist 8am
 Parish Eucharist 10am

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rev Rebecca is having some time away from us for rest and will back on Sunday 19th June. During this time, please keep her in your prayers.

those preparing for Baptism:

those who are sick, remembering particularly:

Derek Morgan, Derek Draper, Brenda Feeney, Alison Feeney, John Lowe, Eileen Downs, Rev Mo Baldwin, Sarah Alice (Sally) Price, Dean Haddon, Michael Hunter,

all the recently departed, especially those known to us:
 Margaret Tebay

those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

May 29th Lily Kerfoot, Melissa Jayne Woods, Lilian Goodwin
 May 30th Agnes Wells, Alan Elsdon, Hilda Miller, Derek Hicks
 May 31st Frank Entwistle, Norman Hough, Jaqueline Gough
 June 1st James Critchley
 June 2nd Mary Greenwood
 June 4th Anne Bernadette Thompson, Clifford Prout, Eric Jackson, Henry Harry Berry

Please do email chorleystpetersvicar@gmail.com with any prayer requests, or additions for the prayer list.

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. **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 16: 16-34 Paul and Silas in Prison

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave 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] the 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 marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being 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 in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord^[a] 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.

Psalm 97: The Glory of God's Reign

- ¹ The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
³ Fire goes before him
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples behold his glory.
⁷ All servants of images are put to shame,

- those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments, O God.
⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

- ¹⁰ You who love the LORD, hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.
¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!
⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷ May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end Epilogue and Benediction

"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.

Gospel: John 17:20-end Jesus Prays for His Disciples

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who 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,^[a] 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."

Post-communion prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

