**The Parish Church**

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**Sunday 28th April 2024**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**This Week at St Peter’s**

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| **Sun 28 th**  **5th Sunday of Easter** | 8am | **Early Eucharist** (Fr. Neil) |
| 10 am | **Parish Eucharist** (Fr. Neil) |
| **Wed 1st May** | 10am | **Midweek Eucharist** |
| **Sun 5th**  **6th Sunday of Easter** | 8am | **Early Eucharist** (Fr. Neil) |
| 10am | **Parish Eucharist** (Fr. Neil) |

**Can you help?**

**We are collecting the following:**

* Food/personal hygiene items for the Churches Together Food Bank, Living Waters Church;
* *Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, hygiene items* and more for our MU hospital hygiene packs;
* *used stamps with 1cm of paper around them* to fundraise for Multiple Sclerosis charities,
* *erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil crayons* (NOT wax, please) and *small colouring books* for our children’s hospital bags,
* and more – please see the back of church for more information!

**Notices**

**APCM** – The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday** **29th May 2024 at 7pm**.

A meeting for elections to the PCC and other church roles will be held following the APCM at 8pm on **Wednesday 29th May 2024.**

**REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

**Notice is hereby given**

**that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council\*, beginning on Sunday the 5th day of May 2024, and ending on Tuesday the 14th day of May 2024.**

**After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council [printed copy available in church] for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.**

**Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—**

**(a) is baptised,**

**(b) is aged 16 or over, and**

**(c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.**

**The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.**

**The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.**

**The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.**

**Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.**

**Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.**

Remember in your prayers:

*Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.*

***Those who have asked for our prayers:***

Derek Morgan, Brenda Feeney, Eileen Downs, Sarah (Sally) Price, Beryl Diggles, Alison Feeney, Dean Haworth, Thelma Warburton, Geoff, Diane Aspinall, Keith Wallbank, the Rev’d Mo Baldwin, Debbie Cope, Stephanie Price, Thomas Kerr, Gavin Elly, Nicola Kennedy, Helen Riding, Pam McLoughlin.

***all recently departed, especially those known to us;***

Jennifer Woods, Cassian James Love.

***those who we remember at this time:***

John Meadows, Sally Ann Hall, Damien Paul Holland

Gilbert Heywood, Lily Widdows, Cicely Brown, Leslie Gregson, James Bamber, Julia Swift, Nellie Bury, Nora Belshaw

**To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested.**

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, please email [**chorleystp.office@gmail.com**](mailto:chorleystp.office@gmail.com)

**Hymns**

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**Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help, we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 8.26-40**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:  
‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
   and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
     so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
   Who can describe his generation?  
     For his life is taken away from the earth.’  
The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Second Reading:** **1 John 4.7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, ‘I love God’, and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Gospel: John 15.1-8**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**Post-communion prayer**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.­­­­­­­­­­­­**

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