

The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide 3rd May 2015



ASCENSION DAY INVITATION

If the concept of 'holy days of obligation' is not, strictly speaking, an Anglican one, nonetheless it is worth noting that the Western Church views certain days of the year as non-negotiable days on which the faithful ought to attend church. In the Book of Common Prayer, such days of obligation were printed in the Kalendar in red - hence the phrase 'Red Letter Days' for special days of celebration. Sundays are in the list, of course: unless prevented by illness, it is the duty of every Christian to worship God on the 'first day of the week'. But in addition to the 52 Sundays of the year, there are certain other days too – and one of these occurs a week on Thursday, 14th May – The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. It is the day in Eastertide in which we hear the last of the stories of the 'resurrection appearances' of Jesus and of his ascension into heaven to 'return to the Father.' It is a profoundly 'theological' day: lurking beneath the surface of the story is a depth of meaning that has significant implications for us – and such is the importance of the day and the power of those texts that they have inspired artists and composers down through the centuries. We will hear the story afresh and hear some of the church's most thrilling music at our Solemn Eucharist at 7pm on Ascension Day. The preacher is The Vicar. Please see it as an opportunity – midweek – to invite friends to join you at mass and to extend an invitation a party afterwards. All welcome. *Fr Alan*

Ascension Day: Thursday 14th May 2015

Solemn Eucharist at 7:00pm followed by a drinks party in the Vicarage and garden.

Please bring a friend to church!

WELCOME

You will find in the pews, in addition to the yellow envelopes, blue and gold "Visitor Cards". We invite visitors who would like to keep in touch with us, to complete one of these and to hand it to one of the clergy.

PCC MEETING

There will be a brief meeting of the PCC in St Luke's Chapel this morning (Sunday 3rd May 2015 at 12: 30pm) immediately following the Solemn Eucharist, to elect officers.

PARISH LUNCH

You are warmly invited to join us for drinks and lunch in the Hall in Kinnerton Street after the Solemn Eucharist this morning.

VISIT TO CHICHESTER

On Saturday 13 June 2015. Non-refundable deposits of £65 per person are due to Fr. Andrew Sloane by Wednesday, 13 May along with a completed Invoice slip (found at the back of the church).

K-STREET NEWS

We note with real joy the appointment of a new Rector at our sister parish in Washington DC, Fr Richard Wall. He moves there in July from St. Andrew's, State College, in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, where he has served as Rector for almost six years. And Englishman, from South Staffordshire, Richard did his undergraduate and seminary work in Oxford, studying at Christ Church and St. Stephen's House. He was originally a Liverpool ordinand, ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral in 2002, and served as Curate for almost three years in commuter-belt Essex before crossing the pond in response to a call from St. Clement's, Philadelphia. He is now a naturalized citizen of the United States. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with him and assure him of our prayers as he prepares to move to his new home and parish.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...

In the first chapter of the Acts of the



Apostles, the Apostles are commissioned: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." If you think about it 'spatially', the

commission describes a series of concentric circles of witness, each pushing further out from the centre. That move from the centre out is – Christians have traditionally understood – part of the calling of God. It sits, though, uncomfortably, with our centripetal instinct to move anxiously from the outside back to the centre. One of the things that maddens many people about the Church is its parochialism and its obsession with its own life. God, by contrast, calls the Church away from self-obsession to healthy engagement with the world 'out there'. This coming term, we will be thinking about the move 'from the centre'. You will be welcome to join us.

EVENTS:

Wednesday 6th May at 18:45:

Eucharist & Study Group:

'A Theology of Mission'

– with Fr Alan Gyle

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THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 13th May at 18:45: **Eucharist &**

Study Group: 'Mission at Home Mission.

Why? How?' – with Fr Alan Gyle and Fr Andrew Sloane

Sunday 24th May at 13:00 – 'Plus-1

Outreach Community Lunch': In the

Vicarage. Please speak to Fr Andrew Sloane or the Vicar to secure an invitation for you and your invitee!

20th & 27th May at 18:45: **Eucharist & Study**

Group: 'Mission Abroad' - with Fr Andrew Sloane

MASSES & PSALM RESPONSES

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.

Diagram illustrating the structure of the service paper for Tuesday 5 February – feria. The paper includes the following elements:

- Date and observance: Tuesday 5 February – feria
- Colour of vestments: Green (indicated by a green dot)
- Response to the psalm: I will proclaim your name among the people
- Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;

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COLLECT FOR THE EASTER 5

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday 3 May – Easter 5

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 4 May – English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 139;

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, says your Maker.

Tuesday 5 May – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 223;

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and loving in all his works.

Wednesday 6 May – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 225;

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Thursday 7 May – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 226;

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Friday 8 May – Julian of Norwich

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 142;

Stand on the mountain before your God.

Saturday 9 May – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 229;

Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth.

Sunday 10 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

We pray daily for:

- The people of Nepal in the wake of the natural disaster there
- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its Rector Designate
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.

We give thanks for:

The safe delivery of a daughter to TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

Among the sick and those in need:

Jane Elstub; Heidi Hoell; Sal Allen; John Roberts; Marjorie Isabel Wilcox; Piers Leonard; Mary Sykes-Wright; Ronald Bartle; Clariette Wilmot; Kooky Fallah; Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr. Richard Martin; Ian McDonald; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr. Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Jean Marc Lehut; Steven Davis; Margaret Beatrice Cocking; Heather

We pray for all the recently departed,

John Hollamby

and those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Sam Bartosik	30 April
Michael Taylor	2 May
Timothy Green	2 May
Michael Barney, priest	5 May
Meriel St Clair Green	7 May

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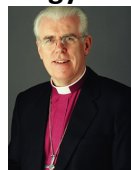
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Mondays and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

IN THE PARISH OFFICE



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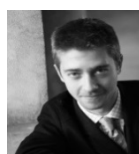
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