

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith, Ashley Powell.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Maureen Palmer, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Judith Harrison, Mary Gunn, Colin Graham, Julie Ann Parson, Elsie Smith, Ann Harrison, Jimmy Hunter, Stephen Scott, Shirley Talbot.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

Jean Holden, Peggy Bushell, Jack Smith, James Price, Violet Ritson, Sylvia Duffy, James Hardy.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 18 May

10.00am Chapter in church
1.30pm Craft Group
7.00pm PCC Meeting in church

Tuesday 19 May

10.00am Holy Communion in church
7.00pm Quiz night (online)

Wednesday 20 May

9.30am Trinity Tots

Thursday 21 May

6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 23 May

3.00pm Wedding Katie Hughes & Sean Walton

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir
1.30pm Baptism Connie Rae Eileen Walker & Lena Margot Howard
2.30pm Baptism Hudson Coates & Jacob James Footitt

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Acts 2. 1-21
Gospel Reading John 20. 19-23

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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

SUNDAY **08.00am** **Holy Communion in church**
 10.00am **Holy Communion in church and with choir**

TUESDAY **10.00am** **Holy Communion in church**

COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power
and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your
peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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

FIRST BIBLE READING

Acts 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James,

and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 17. 1-11

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus said 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day'.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. '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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Flowers

Many thanks to Ann Harrison for the donation towards the flowers for her and Clive's wedding anniversary on the 16th May. Also in memory of Peggy Bushell, a dearly beloved mother and grandmother of the Harrison family for her anniversary on the 17th May.

Communion Tokens

Since the first batch of 'Common Cup' tokens were produced, 150 have been made. A further 30 have just been added as there were only 10 remaining at the back of church. We know that some of you hold on to them and use the same one each week, which is of course fine. The tokens are quite time consuming to make and are not free to produce, although church is very generously not charged for them.

Could you please check at home to see if you have any which could be brought back for use in church? If you would like any for your own use, please speak to Lucas and he will be happy to produce some for you.

Thank you.

Your Church Needs You – Skills, Gifts and Experience Form

Please would you return completed forms and put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.