

# NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 11th May 2022



Welcome to this week's Newsletter in May.

Please send any submissions you may have for next week's issue to [samantha@csp.church](mailto:samantha@csp.church) by Tuesday 10am, if possible.

<b>Sunday 15th May</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion: All Saints' Church (JG)
	9.30am	Family Service: St Peter's Parish Hall (JG/LL)
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist: St Peter's Church (JG)
	4.00pm	Evensong: St Paul's Church (JG)
<b>Wednesday 18th May</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion: St. Peter's Church (JG)

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

- For peace in Ukraine, for those who have lost loved ones and for refugees
- For local families welcoming refugees into their homes
- For those struggling financially
- For the work of The Children's Society
- For young people taking exams
- For the PCC and the church family as they prepare for the APCM

## STAY ON

We will be running some 'Stay On' sessions this term on the following dates: Sundays 15th May, 12th June & 17th July

Stay On is our youth group for school years 6-9, and we meet in the Parish Hall Upper Room from 10.45am to 12pm. We chat, play games, have discussions and some teaching surrounding faith, pray together, and enjoy each other's company and some light refreshments. If your child would like to attend any of the sessions, [please complete the form via this link.](#)

We will release reminders for each session, but in the meantime save the date(s) and feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.



As we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, we are also continuing our retiring collections for Ukraine Christian Ministries during May. Correction to April's collection total - £302.13

The Diocese of Oxford is working with Citizens UK to resettle 50 Ukrainian refugees across the diocese before Easter - and they need your help. Click [here](#) to access the "Make a Difference in Ukraine" page on the Diocese website

### **A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine:**

God of compassion,  
Have mercy this day on the people of Ukraine.  
Restore to them the gift of peace.  
Grant wisdom to the governments of the world.  
Bring good in the midst of evil and suffering,  
For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son,  
Who gave his life to bring peace to your world  
Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY 14th MAY IN THE PARISH CHURCH HALL FROM 10am-12.30pm**

Plants will be on sale from 9.30am, then bacon baps shortly after, with cake coffee, tea and hot chocolate to follow!

There will be a Silent Auction open to everyone for a brand new SatNav. Bidders need to write their Name, Phone Number and Postal Address together with the amount they'd like to bid, on a piece of paper and pop it into a sealed envelope marked 'SatNav Auction'! Please bring it along to the Plant Sale/ Coffee Morning on Saturday by 11.30am or drop into the church office on Friday or the Hall post box. We will open the bids and announce the winner at 11.50-12 Noon on Saturday.

### **FOODBANK**

We are continuing to take donations of tinned and packet food to the local foodbank, to help to ensure that those in need have a nourishing food parcel . Thank you to everyone who donates. There are collecting points in all of our churches

## **CHOIR NOTES FROM ANN GEARY**

The question is: When is a choir not a choir, can you have a choir that is silent? By definition a choir is an organized group of singers. Singing is communication, yet pauses and rests in a vocal line can be profound and add to the experience of both singer and listener and of course they do allow the singers time to take a breath.

In our fortnightly choral workshops we are concentrating on breathing exercises, learning to breathe together to support and develop our sound. There are some tricky moments in the anthem "Praise our God" which we are rehearsing to sing on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, the weekend of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Breath control is particularly important in the alleluia passages and while still working as a whole some voices in the choir will sing the alleluias while others are silent.

So the simple answer to the question is yes, you can.

Puzzles R Us: This hymn has 5 verses and the first line of each verse ends with "give thanks with songs of ..."

Praise v.1. Love v.2. Joy v.3. Trust v.4. Awe v.5.

Hymn title without vowels: lftpyrv 4. 2. 4. 4.

Last week's answer: Behold O God our defender.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

We will meet for coffee and chat at Madeira next Thursday 19th at 10.00am - all welcome!

## **REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Roll has now been revised and copies of the 2022 Roll are on display in the Churches.

Please advise any errors or omissions to the Electoral Roll Officer at the Church Office.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING- 22 May @ 11am in Parish Church**

At the APCM we will be electing 8 PCC members to serve for three years. Meriel Garnham, Tim Mears and Jessica Redman will be retiring by rotation as is Johanna Dickinson who was co-opted during the year but they may seek re-election if they wish. There will also be some other vacancies to bring the number of elected members to 12. We will also need to elect two members to the Deanery Synod to bring our allocation to 4. Nomination Forms will be available in each Church and completed forms should be returned to the PCC Secretary via the Church Office or to the

Sidesman on duty at Services for onward transmission. Forms will also be available to nominate two Churchwardens and completed forms should be handed to the Vicar at any time up to the start of the meeting.

### **AMERSHAM DEANERY CELEBRATION**

The Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft visited the Deanery on Thursday 5th May. There was shared worship with wonderful music and great food hosted by St Mary's Chesham. Each parish shared a display board; ours, which had been created during the 9:30 service over the last few months, together with other information including our parish magazine and upcoming events, can be seen at the back of the Parish Church. Bishop Steven spoke about the need for a period of reconnecting with God, listening and recovery as the world has been through several collective traumas. There was a Q&A which covered the role of the Holy Spirit as well as the usual topics including finance, Living in Love and Faith discussions and some of Bishop Steven's work in the house of Lords. Bishop Steven did confirm there are no plans to cut frontline ministry within our diocese (though this is happening elsewhere in the country) and felt that reserves were sufficient to carry us through where finances are challenged, but as ever, there is a significant need for sacrificial giving across the diocese and a need to respond to those in need within our communities.

### **ALL SAINTS MUSIC FESTIVAL SUNDAY 15th MAY - 3pm**

**Nia Coleman** (soprano) accompanied by **Iain Ledingham**. This concert is sold out.

### **ALL SAINTS MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS IN MAY**

It is our pleasure to welcome music students from **Royal Holloway University** who have completed or are about to perform in their end-of-year recitals.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Aime True (harp) & Lucy Mitten (voice)**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Dorothy Whyte-Venables (voice), Amelia Smith (voice), Asia Bonucelli (piano)**

A £5 donation on the door is suggested. Coffee/Tea is provided on arrival.

## READINGS for Sunday, 15th May 2022

### FIRST READING: Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him **3** and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

**4** Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: **5** 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. **6** I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. **7** Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

**8** 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

**9** 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." **10** This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

**11** 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. **12** The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. **14** He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

**15** 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but you will be baptised with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit." **17** So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

**18** When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

### SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 1-6

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with

them and be their God. **4** "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" <sup>[12]</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

**5** He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

**6** He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'

### **GOSPEL READING: John 13: 31-35**

**31** When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

**32** If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

**33** 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

**34** 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

### **Readings for Sunday 22nd May - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation: 21:10-22:5

John 14: 26-27