

NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 18th May 2022



Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

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

Saturday 21st May	1.00pm	Wedding of Samuel Haslam & Kari Reid: St Peter's Church
Sunday 22nd May	8.00am	Holy Communion: All Saints' Church (JL)
	10.00am	Combined All Age with Eucharist: St Peter's Church (JG/LL)
	11.00am	APM & APCM: St Peter's Church
	4.00pm	Evensong: St Paul's Church (WG)
Wednesday 25th May	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 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. Final correction (!) to April's collection total - £362.13

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.

RETIRING COLLECTION in JUNE will be in support of CHRISTIAN AID

" Everyone is equal in the sight of God"

For over 75 years this truth has inspired Christian Aid to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours.

Christian Aid works in 37 countries to eradicate extreme poverty

-by helping in practical ways

-by highlighting and challenging systems that favour the rich and powerful

Read more about their aims at www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/about-us/our-aims

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING LAST SATURDAY

The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning benefited from beautiful weather. There was a happy relaxed atmosphere as visitors browsed and purchased. Thank you to all our supporters. We raised £837.60 to support The Children's Society with their frontline work with young people in England and Wales. (There is a similar organisation in Scotland).

CHOIR NOTES FROM ANN GEARY

So where, not counting The Holy Bible, can you find Raphael, Uriel, Gabriel, Adam and Eve altogether in the same place at the same time? This is not a trick question, some of you will know the answer straight away others maybe not too sure.

Award yourself a silver crotchet if you know but only a tin teaspoon if you are struggling.

They are the soloists in Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation," Raphael and Adam are sung by basses, Uriel is a tenor, Gabriel and Eve sing soprano/alto.

After a lively orchestral passage representing chaos the story opens with this bass recitative from Raphael:-

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

Then the bass sings with the chorus "And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said let there be Light and there was Light" such a powerful opening to the work.

The score for The Creation was the first score of a major choral work to be published in two languages, English and German for Haydn was an Austrian. It is such a glorious work and I commend it to you if you don't know it.

Puzzles R Us: There are two hymns in your hymnbook with music by Franz Joseph Haydn, tunes he has adapted from Croatian folk melodies, here is one without the vowels:
glrsthngsfthrspkn 8 6 2 4 3 6

Last week's answer: Lift up your voice.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We will meet for coffee and chat at Madeira this 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 are 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.

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 20th @ 12:15pm - Dorothy Whyte-Venables (voice), Amelia Smith (voice), Asia Bonucelli (piano)

A £5 donation towards costs is suggested. Coffee/Tea & biscuits on arrival.

Our next lunchtime recital will be on Wednesday, 15th June.

TEA & HYMNS in JUNE

Tea & Hymns will be on **Sunday 12th June** and will be Jubilee-themed! 3pm as usual in the Parish Church Hall.

READINGS for Sunday, 22nd May 2022

FIRST READING: Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lydia's conversion in Philippi

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. 12 From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district^[a] of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 10 - 22: 5

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. **23** The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. **24** The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. **25** On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. **26** The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. **27** Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2** down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. **3** No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

GOSPEL READING: John 14: 26-27

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Readings for Sunday 29th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 16-34

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end

John 17: 20-end