



15 May, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Said Eucharists – Sunday 8.30am. and 10.00 am. Tuesday 10.30am.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) followed by a short communion service–10.00am.

A copy of Rev. Debbie's reflection has been sent with these notices.

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.**

Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 11. 1–18

8.30am. only

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

John 13.31–35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 15 May 10.00am.

The APCM will take place in church, and will be followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be made available shortly to those on the roll. The meeting agenda will include elections for vacancies on the PCC. For further details about this role and/or a nomination form, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

NAPPY DAYS - North Transept – Wednesday, 18 May– 1.30pm.-3.00pm.

A church-sponsored drop-in group for parents with new babies, offering a cuppa and a chat with other parents.

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St. Michael's – Friday, 03 June – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed - only enthusiasm and interest. All materials supplied, but you are welcome to bring your own paints. If you prefer just to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 10 June – 10.30am. – 11.30am.

A monthly drop-in session for everyone, especially those on their own. If you engage in a craft such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. Fancy just a cuppa, or would you enjoy an opportunity to chat? Then come along. You will be very welcome.

TRADCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 12 June, after the 10.00am. Gathered Round service

The monthly Traidcraft stall has returned to its former place in the North Transept. A selection of products is available on the day. Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability.

RETURN OF SERVERS

As from next Sunday, May 22nd, a full team of servers will be assisting at the Sunday 10.00am. services. Another step on the slow road back to 'normality'.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open for private prayer, from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. Mon.-Fri. The Lady Chapel has been set aside as a quiet space, and the votive candle stand moved into there.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

CONCERT – St. Michael's Church– Today, Sunday, 15 May – 4.00pm.

Wycombe Chamber Choir present 'A European Tour', a concert of choral music from around Europe in aid of the Ukraine Emergency Appeal . Tickets available on the door, or in advance from wccchoirtickets@gmail.com

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 17 May- Midday to 2pm.

Tea, coffee and soup are available throughout. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. **This week: Bite-sized service**

AMERSHAM GARDENING ASSOCIATION SALE – St. Michael's Square – Saturday, 21 May – 9.00am. – 2.00pm.