



Notices for 12th of May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*A warm welcome to everyone;
please come into the hall for refreshments after the service.*

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.

Hymns:

- 311** Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
- 391** Blest are the pure in heart
- 534** O for a thousand tongues to sing
- 279** And now O Father mindful of the love
- 558** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Acts 1:15-17

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

John 17:6-19

'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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post-communion prayer:

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.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

On Weds 17th April, the PCC held what is known as a “Section 11 Meeting”. In this meeting it was agreed that the Parish Profile is now finalised, we will proceed to advertise the position in the Church Times during May, and Dan and Peter are now elected as the parish representatives for the interview process. Dan and Peter will meet with Area Dean Rosemary Donovan, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore and Bishop Paul Davies in early June to consider applications for interview in early July.

Sharing of the Peace

Following discussion in PCC, and consultation with the area dean, it is agreed that we will evolve our guidance for the exchange of the Peace. Our policy of

asking everyone simply to wave was introduced during the Covid pandemic, and we still want to respect social distancing for those who chose to retain this. For now, we are asking everyone to remain in their pews, and to shake hands only where it is mutually agreeable between those sitting next to one another.

8am SERVICES will be held only once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

Intercessors, Sidespeople and Welcomers

Our Sunday services are assisted by several small groups of people. We would like to encourage more to join these teams to reduce the workload of the current people. Please talk to Peter or Dan to find out more.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th May

Knit and Natter is on in The Leverton Room, **7.30-9.30pm**

Thursday 16th May THURSDAY CLUB at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. Our talented guitarist Brian is coming to entertain us with an afternoon of songs to sing along to. Everyone is very welcome. Any queries contact Judith 020 8330 5048.

Saturday 18th May The Women's Group will be visiting The Moat Garden Centre to have a look at their walled garden, have a coffee and perhaps some retail therapy! We will meet in the church car park at 10am to arrange lifts so that we don't take too many cars and fill up The Moat car park. Any queries, please see Christine, Kate or Carla.

Saturday 22nd June 3pm

Midsummer tea party in the Church Garden. Tickets £5. Please email sarablairtomlin@gmail.com

Looking Forward...

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday

Also - parish barbecue in September - date to be arranged

additional homemade Sundays - dates to be arranged

Top 5 requirements needed for Epsom & Ewell foodbank:

1. Instant Coffee
2. Cooking sauces
3. Tinned potatoes
4. Jam/Spreads
5. Sanitary towels.