

Services for this week

Tuesday 23rd May 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, C6th
Wednesday 24th May 7.00pm Said Mass - John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists
Hymn Writers, 1791 & 1788
Thursday 25th May 7.00pm Sung Mass - Ascension Day
Friday 26th May 7.00pm Said Mass - Augustine, 1st Achbp of Canterbury 605
Saturday 27th June 3.00pm Wedding Sarah Samman and Michael
(‘Barney’) Barneby

Sunday 28th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

‘Help Required’

There will be a short meeting after the 11.00am Sung Mass on **Sunday 4th June** for anyone who can help in any way with our **Tea Party** which will take place on **17th June**.

If you are **not** able to be there on the 4th June please see Jean or telephone her on 255207.

This is one of our main fundraising events for the church and we really do need any help you can offer to make it a success.



Saturday 3rd June 1.30pm to 4.00pm in the Community Centre Hygiene Kits for Female Orphans

Come along for a Tea or coffee and help make these kits for these girls so that they do not have to miss out on their education.

See Poster or contact Anne Le Maitre for details 07781 112557

This Afternoon Sunday 21st May 2.00 - 4.00pm A Tale of Two Churches walk

Next Sunday 28th May 2.00 – 3.00pm
‘Seven Lamps, a Few Bills and a Kidnap’ walk

Contact Rosalyne or see the Parish Magazine for details.

Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11.00am Mass
After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 21st May 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 265: 341

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 390: 333: 341: 265

687 *Cantate Domino*

Introit O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvellous things, alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgements, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalms With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be to the Father...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Alleluia.

Offertory O be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia.

Communion Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, alleluia. Believest thou not that I am in the Father: and the Father in me? Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske,
Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor, Maureen Pitman, and Jeanne Groves

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Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The First Reading - Acts Ch17 v22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

The Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch3 v13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people,

were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

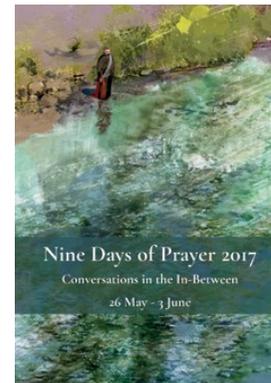
Gospel - John Ch14 v15-21

¹⁵ Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Nine Days of Prayer 2017

We have been invited by Bishop Trevor Willmott to use a Pocket Prayer Booklet that provides a short reading and prayer for each day leading from Ascension to Pentecost. Copies of the booklet are free and are available at the back of the church.

Passing Thoughts

Fr. Marc has reproduced a selection of articles he wrote for St Martin's Magazine, a collection of thought-provoking topics which I would recommend we all read. They are available in booklet form at the back of church on the black chest.