



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 15th May 2022

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10.15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Hymns: 137, 318, 538

6pm

EVENING PRAYER

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

First Reading – Acts 11: 1-18

Now 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.’

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 the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then 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 as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Reading – John 13: 31-35

When he 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.

<p>Please pray for all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, and all who mourn.</p>
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Church Diary

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd May 2022

8am Holy Communion with Revd Stuart Sadler
10:15am Parish Communion with Revd Stuart Sadler
6pm Choral Evensong

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Acts 16: 9-15 | Revelation 21: 10,22-22.5 | John 14: 23-29

Parish news and notices

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th – 21st May 2022

For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. The combined effects of the global pandemic, conflict and drought are having a terrible impact across the world. Gift Aid Envelopes for donations will be available in church and should be put in the collection buckets. Cash donations are also acceptable if you are not a UK tax payer. You can also donate electronically via <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/katharine-lankey?channel=email>

BOOKBOX: Wednesday 18th May 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm

'Sherlock Holmes – the man who can never die'

Local author, Orlando Pearson, explores the enduring appeal of Sherlock Holmes, and talks about the historical background of his novel *Dark Arts, Dark Acts* in which has Holmes investigate a real-life serial killer in Nazi Berlin. An illustrated talk. Location: St Mary's church. £7 per ticket booked via the church website.

DROP-IN CAFE

The next **Drop-In Cafe** will take place on **20th May from 2-4pm**. Do please drop in for a cuppa and a chat, no need to book.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Plastic Free Long Ditton was founded by local residents back in September 2021 and is a registered community group with Surfers Against Sewage. The group is organising a Community Litter Pick on Stokes Field on **Sunday, 22nd May at 2.00pm** and would like as many residents as possible to get involved. Surfers Against Sewage will provide some equipment and the event will be covered by their Public Liability Insurance. For more information, please contact christinemanly@hotmail.co.uk

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Lunch will be held on **Friday 3rd June at 1pm**. Tickets cost £10 per person for a 3 course meal and a glass of fizz! Please contact Diana Jemmett 0208 3981184 or Florence Caley 0208 3983182 to book a seat.

THE 100 CLUB

The May draw took place in St Mary's Community Hall after the 10.15 service on 1st May. Here are the results: First place: No. 16 | Second place: No. 89 | Third place: No. 12. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th June. Good luck to everyone.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCHESES

Plea for those who may like to help now and then? This is an opportunity for you to offer any of the following skills you may have when you are free to do so! Coming along on the day to help us put up tables and lay them ready for the lunch- we usually expect 20/30 guests. Making a main course OR pudding in your home. You could share doing this with a friend and of course we will pay you for the ingredients and provide you with larger dishes should you need them. Serving lunch and teas and coffees. There may be some washing up but you will be relieved to know that we have a dishwasher too! Drivers- to pick up local people enabling them to attend the lunches. Hopefully you could return after lunch to take them home again. Should you be interested or have any questions to ask, however small, please contact Diana (020 8398184) or Florence (020 8398182) we will be delighted to help you. We already have a strong team of five volunteers but we really do need cover at times of sickness or holidays.

SONG

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this the world shall know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
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