



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 1st May 2022

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
10.15am	PARISH COMMUNION Hymns: 160, 622, 161, 468
12 noon	Baptism of Blake Dinen Burial of Ashes Daemon Paul Barella RIP
6pm	EVENING PRAYER

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading – Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Second Reading – Revelation 5: 11-end

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be

blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Gospel Reading – John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Church Diary

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

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

Sunday 8th May 2022

8am Holy Communion
10:15am Parish Communion
12 noon Burial of Ashes Irene McDonald RIP and Emma McDonald RIP
6pm Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Acts 9: 36-end | Revelation 7: 9-end | John 10: 22-30

Parish news and notices

SONGS OF PRAISE AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

You are warmly invited to a BBC Songs of Praise music recording of hymns at Guildford Cathedral, featuring Guildford Cathedral Choir and the BBC Young Chorister of the Year. Filming will take place on **Tuesday 3rd May 2022** between 6:30 and 9pm. All are welcome so please join us! 07734 030 888 to book your tickets.

FRIDAY CLUBS IN COMMUNITY HALL

The next **Friendship Lunch** will be on **Friday 6th May at 1pm**. To book a place, please contact Diana Jemmett (020 8398 1184) or Florence Caley (020 8398 3182). 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.

CHURCHYARD SPRUCE UP

Peter & Judith Topp will be tidying up the churchyard on **Saturday morning 14th May from 10am** for a couple of hours. The work involves collecting up fallen wood, clearing ivy and brambles, weeding etc and they would love to have some assistance. All welcome! Do come and join in. For more details email peter.topp2@btinternet.com or ring 07973 751719.

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. It is hoped this will become an annual event which involves the whole community. We all value the Green Belt and our open spaces so let's get picking! For more information, please contact Christine @ christinemanly@hotmail.co.uk

THE 100 CLUB

The April draw of the 100 Club took place on Sunday 3rd April in St Mary's Community Hall after the 10.15 service. The results were as follows:

1st Prize: No. 21 | 2nd Prize: No. 30 | 3rd Prize: No. 90

Congratulations to all the winners! The next 100 Club draw will take place on Sunday 1st May after the 10.15 service. Good luck to everyone.

MOTHERS UNION PRAYER & ACTION GROUP

For women in Emly Deanery. The first meeting of this new group will be hosted by the MU of St Christopher's Church Hinchley Wood on **Wednesday 11th May at St Nicholas Church Thames Ditton [KT7 0QQ]**. Refreshments will be served from 7:30 and the meeting will be **8-9pm**. There will be a talk, discussion and short workshop session. RSVP + information to mu@stchristopherschurch.org.uk. Tel: 0208 398 5513.