



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 8th May 2022

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
10.15am	PARISH COMMUNION Hymns: 159, 467, 390
6pm	EVENING PRAYER

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading – Acts 9: 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading – Revelation 7: 9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four

living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading – John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Friday 11:30am Funeral Doreen Fountain RIP

Sunday 15th May 2022

8am Holy Communion

10:15am Parish Communion

6pm Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Acts 11: 1-18 | Revelation 21: 1-6 | John 13: 31-35

Parish news and notices

Book Box: Wednesday 18th May 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm

'Sherlock Holmes – the man who can never die'

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the Great Baker Street Detective, said of Holmes, 'He was a man who never lived, and so can never die'. Conan Doyle tried to kill off his hero to focus on historical fiction, but public demand was such that the famous detective has to be brought back to life. Even today, nearly one hundred years after Conan Doyle's death, millions of books featuring Sherlock Holmes are sold each year. 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 Holmes investigates a real-life serial killer in Nazi Berlin. An illustrated talk. Location: St Mary's church. £7 per ticket booked via the church website.

FRIDAY CLUBS IN COMMUNITY HALL

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. **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 398 1184 or Florence Caley 0208 398 3182 to book a seat.

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 by e-mail christinemanly@hotmail.co.uk

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 LUNCHES

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 (0208 3981184) or Florence (0208 3983182) 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.