

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, PULBOROUGH



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

*We are very grateful that the service  
leaflets today have been generously sponsored.*

**Welcome to the Parish Eucharist on this Fifth  
Sunday of Easter**

***We are especially pleased to welcome Fr Ian Edgar as our  
Celebrant and preacher today***

Organist: Tony Hancock  
The Reading: Austen Hindman (ALM)  
The Intercessions: Toni Hayes (ALM)  
The Setting: Pulborough Mass

***Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving  
consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those  
who feel comfortable to do this. Please do not dip the  
consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

*Please wait to be directed to communion.*

*If you feel able to make a donation during the offertory hymn and  
you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the details on the  
Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your service leaflet. We also  
have **contactless facilities** available by the organ at the back of the  
church. Thank you.*

***In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits  
available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the  
Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building  
by an exit nearest to you.***

*Do join us for refreshments after the service*

*Introductory organ music: "Flute Piece"  
William Hine.*

***Please stand when the bell is rung***

**The Entrance Hymn: NEH 124**  
**Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028), translated by Robert Campbell**  
**(1814-1868)**

- 1      Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
         your sweetest notes employ,  
         the Paschal victory to hymn  
         in strains of holy joy;**
  
- 2      How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
         and crushed the serpent's head,  
         and brought with him, from death's domains  
         the long-imprisoned dead.**
  
- 3      From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
         alone our Leader bore;  
         his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
         where he hath gone before.**
  
- 4      Triumphant in his glory now  
         his sceptre ruleth all;  
         earth, heaven and hell before him bow  
         and at his footstool fall**
  
- 5      While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
         his mercy we implore,  
         into his palace bright to bring  
         and keep us evermore.**
  
- 6      All glory to the Father be,  
         all glory to the Son,  
         all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
         while endless ages run.                   Alleluya! Amen.**

✠ In the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Fr. Ian introduces the day's celebration and invites people  
to make an act of penitence*

## The Prayers of Penitence

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Gloria

**Glory to God in the Highest, and  
peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
Glory of God the Father. Amen**

## The Collect for the Day

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. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

### **The First Reading: Acts 8. 26-end**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as

he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**The Gradual Hymn: NEH 113  
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)**

- 1      **Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!**
  
- 2      **Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.**
  
- 3      **Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?**
  
- 4      **Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
  
- 5      **Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!**

## The Gospel Reading: John 15. 1-8

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*



**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven, was incarnate from  
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*This response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Intercessions may conclude with the following:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*Fr Ian introduces the Peace:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you*

**The Offertory Hymn: NEH 112**

*Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich*

**Christian Fuerchtegott Gellert (1715-1769), Frances Elizabeth  
Cox (1812-1897)**

- 1** Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can, O death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia.
  
- 2** Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal:  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia.
  
- 3** Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluia.
  
- 4** Jesus lives! our hearts know well,  
nought from us his love shall sever;  
life nor death nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia.
  
- 5** Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given:  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia.

Pray my dear sisters and brothers that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Prayer over the Gifts is said*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

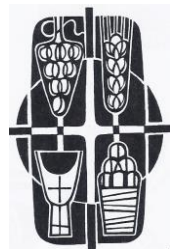
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

*Fr Ian continues until the following is sung:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



*Fr Ian continues until the following is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith,  
**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

*Fr Ian continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to which all respond: Amen*

*Please kneel or sit*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**



## The Giving of Communion

*Fr Ian issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Choir anthem: "Ave Maria" by Jacob Arcadelt.*

**Communion Hymn: O&N 674  
vs 1&2 Jimmy Owens, vs 3-5 Damien Lundy (1944-1997)**

- 1 This is my body broken for you  
bringing you wholeness, making you free  
Take it and eat it and when you do  
Do it in love for me.
- 2 This is my blood poured out for you  
bringing forgiveness, making you free  
Take it and eat it and when you do  
do it in love for me.
- 3 Back to my Father soon I shall go  
Do not forget me, then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.
- 4 Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow  
You are my branches, I am the tree  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

**5 Love one another, I have loved you  
and I have shown you how to be free  
serve one another, and when you do  
do it in love for me.**

*Please kneel or sit*

### **The Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and  
bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

*Notices will now be given out*

*Please stand*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**


### **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

The Recessional Hymn: NEH 272  
William John Sparrow-Simpson

- 1 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This our song shall ever be;  
for we have no hope nor Saviour  
if we have no hope in thee.
- 2 All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us  
strength to serve thee hour by hour;  
none can move us from thy presence  
while we trust thy love and power.
- 3 All for Jesus! at thine altar  
thou dost give us sweet content;  
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee  
in thy holy sacrament.
- 4 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,  
all for Jesus! thou hast died,  
all for Jesus! thou art with us,  
all for Jesus, glorified.
- 5 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This the Church's song shall be,  
till at last the flock is gathered  
one in love, and one in thee.

*Concluding Organ Music: "Final in D minor"*  
*Denis Bedard.*



I am the vine, branches.  
you are the  
He who abides in Me, and in him,  
Bears much fruit;  
for without Me,  
you can do nothing. John 15:5



**For your prayers this week**

***In the Anglican cycle of prayer this Sunday we pray for:***

*The Church of Bangladesh*

***In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:***

*For the Apostolic Life Team: Rebecca Swyer, Director of Apostolic Life and her colleagues*

*We pray for **our nation and government**, especially at this time for King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti and other troubled parts of the world**. We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

**The Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian**

Отче наш, що єси на небесах,  
Нехай святиться Ім'я Твоє.  
Хай прийде Царство Твоє,  
нехай буде воля Твоя  
Як на небі, так і на землі  
Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні.  
І прости нам провини наші,  
як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим.  
І не введи нас у спокусу,  
але визволи нас від лукавого.  
Бо Твоє є Царство, і сила, і слава  
навіки. Амінь

**A Prayer for the Holy Land**

**Loving God,  
Praying for the Holy Land and its people,  
praying for your deep peace,  
praying that swords are turned to ploughshares,  
we ask that your kingdom will come on earth as in heaven.**

**May those in power seek your heart.  
May those suffering know your presence.  
May those mourning be comforted.  
May we, who watch at a distance,  
be open to seeing with your eyes of compassion and  
understanding  
and know how to pray and respond justly, mercifully and  
humbly.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

***Those who are in need of continued prayer:***

*Peter Johnston, Helen and Peter Leeke, Ben, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, Trevor Higton, James McDonagh, Bill Bewley, Nick Reilly, Mandy, Phyllis Gabriel, Victoria and Mihaela, Sergio and Doug, Tim Johnson and Michael Thornley*

***Pray to rest in peace:*** *Pat Phillips (one of St Mary's Church Flower Arrangers until 2018), Wendy Moorhead, Joyce Stephens and Ken Green*

***Anniversary of death:*** *Ray Cross and Derek Spain*

*Together with the other churches in the Village we **pray for all** who live and work in Nutbourne: Nutbourne Road, The Street, Nutbourne Lane, Stream Lane, Tudor Close and West Chiltington Lane*

## Church and Liturgical Diary

**29<sup>th</sup> Monday:** *St Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380*

10am to 12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library

3.15pm-4.15pm Kingfishers meet

7.30pm Tower Bellringing practice

**30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:** *Feria of Easter*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: St Philip and James, Apostles**

9.45am Morning Prayer

**10.15 am The Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *St. Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher, 373*

9.30am Morning Prayer

10-11.30am Ladybirds

11am Funeral of Wendy Moorhead R.I.P at Worthing Crematorium

Fr Ian Edgar officiating

7pm Choir Practice

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> :** *Feria of Easter*

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

6.30pm Handbell ringing practice

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>:** *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

10am to 12noon Church Working Party

7pm Christine Lindsay leading a nightingale walk. Meeting at RSPB

Pulborough Brooks car park at 7.00p.m Please bring binoculars and

if possible a mobile phone with the Merlin app already

downloaded.

**5<sup>th</sup> THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Rogation Sunday)**

8am The Holy Eucharist – Book of Common Prayer

10.30am 'All are Welcome' celebration

Acts 10. 44-end and John 15. 9-17

**PLEASE NOTE: A special Day in the Church Calendar**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May **Ascension Day** -7.30pm Sung Eucharist

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** Deanery Study Day for Year of the New Testament at Bishop's Palace in Chichester 10.15am – 3pm

**MAY CHURCH WORKING PARTY**

This year we have entered the competition for the best kept churchyard and are organizing a volunteers working party next **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 10-12noon**. There will be plenty of jobs to do outside in the churchyard and hope 'many extras hands' will make a good impression on our beautiful churchyard. Refreshment at the end of the morning! **Alyson and Ann**

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORK – FSW**

Thank you so much for your continued support of this much needed local charity that supports local families and those in the wider diocese. The Food bank wish list for May include:

**Ketchup, jam, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, long grain rice, cereal, squash tinned fruit, custard/ rice pudding.**

*At present they have sufficient: biscuits, tea, pasta and nappies.*

Items can be left in the FSW food hamper in church or please contact **Alyson Heath on 01798 873795** who will be pleased to hear from you.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May**

*Pray this Christian Aid Week that people pushed to the brink of poverty in so many places around the world will find the strength and opportunity to push back harder and fulfil their hopes and ambitions.*

There will be Christian Aid envelopes available in your pew leaflet next week and on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** we will be having a cake sale following the 8am and 10.30am services. If you are able to provide a home-made cake, savouries or biscuits that would be so helpful.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...** A Summer Concert on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in church.** The Farlingtonic Choir directed by Jane Thomas, together with singers, dancers and instrumentalist from Farlington School. Retiring collection in aid of the Church Organ Fund. Refreshments provided.

### **PARISH MAGAZINE**

It is hoped to publish a quarterly magazine and we have people willing to do the content and printing. We just need some to contact existing advertisers. If you feel you could help please contact **Emma Simpson on [emma\\_simpson\\_design@mac.com](mailto:emma_simpson_design@mac.com)**

### **SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE 2024**

**Thank you so much for your support of this weekly scheme, it is much appreciated.**

Do please consider sponsoring one of the services leaflets. Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one.

The dates we have are:

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> August**

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.

Your donations help us to offset the cost of printing and paper which is such a great help. Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

### **NATURE DATES/NOTES FROM CHRISTINE LINDSAY**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** - meeting at RSPB PBR car park at 7.00p.m bring binoculars and if possible a mobile phone with the Merlin app already downloaded.

Next Nature Talk/Walk **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - starting at 10.00a.m from North Door of church

First of the monthly Bat/Moth evenings is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at 8.30p.m. outside the church