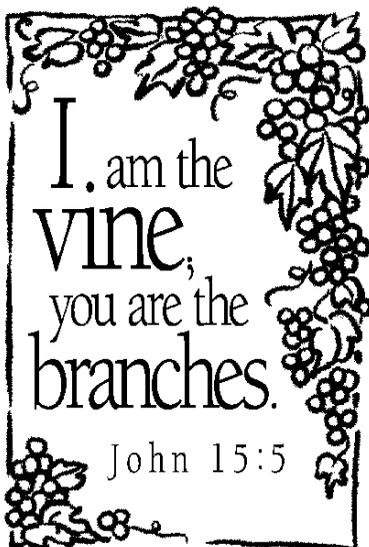


PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May, 2021

10. 30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

*As **this booklet** is for your use only, please ensure you take it home with you after the service.*

In view of government regulations please wear a face covering

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

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Jack Mulder
Organist: Tony Hancock
The Setting: Murray
The Reading: Christine Lindsay
The Intercessions: Andy Leese

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist

Please continue to observe social distancing at all times, both entering and leaving the church as well as during the service.

Please note we are still not allowed to get together in the church after the Eucharist, but you may want to meet others outside in the churchyard for a socially distanced chat, weather permitting! Please do not gather around the door as there needs to be easy and distanced access at all times.

*Communion continues to be administered in one kind that is, just receiving the consecrated bread. **The Sacrament will be brought to you in your place. Please stand or kneel to receive Holy Communion.** Fr Jack will have sanitized his hands several times and will be wearing a face covering while administering communion. He will place the consecrated host directly into your hands but not onto your tongue, as is the traditional practice of some.*

There is no collection during the service you are asked to leave your offerings for today and those that you may have stored up over all these weeks, into the plate as you arrive or leave the church.

Please note

We continue to provide **an audio recording of the main Sunday celebration** for those unable to attend in person. This Sunday, the service will be recorded live and after editing, will appear on the church website as soon as possible.

Opening organ music: “Le Cou-Cou” Claude Daquin.

Please stand when the bell is rung

*The words are printed for you to reflect on as the hymns are sung
by the singing group*

*The Entrance Hymn: O&N 233
Ronald H Green (1927-2012)*

- 1 God, the source and goal of being,
in whose love we trust our lives,
help us seek, and so discover
pathways new which faith provides;
give us knowledge, give us insight
and fresh visions of your light.*
- 2 God, whose touch brings hope to people,
who are lost without your love,
hear the prayers and praise we offer
from our dark to light above;
teach us how to share your glory
that your presence all may see.*
- 3 God of love, of power and action,
from our bondage set us free;
take our lives and in them fashion
what you destine each shall be;
live in us who stand before you
and through us your world renew.*
- 4 God the Father, God the Saviour,
God the Holy Spirit - One;
while we sing your praise to heavenward
may on earth your will be done;
let the world accept our offering
of your song of love we bring.*

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

The Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.*

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: O&N 8 Donald Fishel

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*
- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward:
'Life for us all, alleluia! *Refrain.*
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

**I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5**

A decorative graphic of a vine with several leaves and a small cluster of grapes, positioned behind the text.

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 the 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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

Pray for the leaders of the nations
governments of the world and all managing the effects of the present pandemic and all those engaged in medical research. We pray for those who are overseeing and administering the vaccines across this country and the world.

We especially pray for those working and living in our local Care Homes: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor

Those who are in particular need of healing:
Andrew Nairn, Edward Fuchs, David Edwards, Fiona Caldwell, Elizabeth Perry-Nash, Anne Stevenson, Jane Aylott and Peter Allison

Those who are in need of continued prayer:
Ron Jones, Betty Miller and Ryan Nichols

Pray to rest in peace:
Pauline Allison and Frances Evershed

Anniversary of death: Ray Cross, Derek Spain and Brian Blaber

Together with the other Churches in the village
We pray for those who live and work in The Spinney, Spinney North and Strawberry Field

The following responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

or

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,

✠And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions conclude with the following

Merciful Father,

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



Please stand

The Peace

Fr. Jack 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 each other the sign of peace.

Please sit

The Offertory Hymn: NEH 103
Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

- 1 *Alleluia, Alleluia!*
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.
- 2 *Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits*
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 *Christ is risen, we are risen;*
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever safe with thee.
- 4 *Alleluia, Alleluia,*
glory be to God on high;
to the Father and the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
glory to the Holy Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.

Pray dear brothers and sisters 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:

Make us joyful O God, in the fellowship of your table, that the work of Christ may continue among us as the as the source of all our joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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. Jack continues with the prayer

*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. Jack continues until the following is used:

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

*Fr. Jack continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to
which all say:*
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 the 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. Jack 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.**

*After Fr Jack has received communion, he will hold up the consecrated bread and say “**The Body and Blood of Christ**” and those who are to receive communion reply, “**Amen**”*

Please note that the Sacrament will be brought to you in your places. Please stand or kneel to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn: O&N 674

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

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**

Any 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 239

- 1 *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
- 2 *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

- 3 *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*
- 4 *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Concluding organ music: "La Folia" Bernado Pasqini.

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

**Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**

PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY MAGAZINES

The May edition of the Pulborough Community magazine is now ready for delivery from the North Porch and for sale at the back of the Church price 50p per copy.

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 3rd May: *Feria of Easter (Bank Holiday)*

Tuesday 4th May: *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

Wednesday 5th May: *Feria of Easter*

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 6th May: *Feria of Easter*

Friday 7th May: *Feria of Easter*

12noon The Holy Eucharist

Saturday 8th May: *Julian of Norwich*

Sunday 9th May THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Rogation Sunday)

(Start of CHRISTIAN AID WEEK)

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Acts 10. 44-end and John 15. 9-1

SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2021

Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one?

The dates we have now have available are:

Next Sunday 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th May

Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th, or 27th June

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**



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 16 May 2021

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.

From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means so many people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.

Christian Aid envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you are able to give a donation we will have a plate available for the next two Sundays. Thank you so much for your support.



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1890

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK FOOD HAMPER IN CHURCH

The central foodbank is running low on stocks at the moment so when you go shopping do think of FWS and buy a little extra. They are particularly low on tinned fruit, jams, spreads (Marmite etc.) table sauces (ketchup, mayonnaise) stir-in sauces, tinned tuna and coffee (they have plenty of teabags, soup and dried pasta). Items can be left in the Church porch or please contact

Alyson Heath 873795. Thank you so much!!!