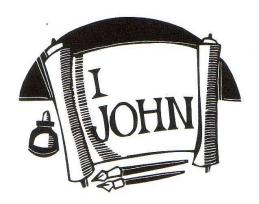
PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT MARY PULBOROUGH



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

13th May 2018

10. 30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Cake Sale in aid of Christian Aid

12noon Parish Walk and Lunch

The leaflets today have been generously sponsored

In loving memory of Sue Raymond

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please mention this to one of the sidespeople or to a churchwarden at your earliest convenience.

If you feel able to make a donation during the offertory hymn and you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your pew. Thank you.

After the Parish Eucharist we serve refreshments. Do join us.

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Prayers of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Paul

Speaker: The Reverend Kenneth Lynch

The Setting: Murray
Organist: Peter Allwood
The Reading: Angela Peat

The Intercessions: Tony Holloway

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Gathering

The Entrance Hymn: 54 Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

- 1 At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess him King of Glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who, from the beginning, was the mighty Word:
- 2 At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angels' faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

- 3 Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
- 4 Bore it up triumphant
 with its human light,
 through all ranks of creatures
 to the central height,
 to the throne of Godhead,
 to the Father's breast;
 filled it with the glory
 of that perfect rest.
- In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.
- 6 Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

♣ 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. Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people to make an act of penitence

The Prayers of Penitence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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.**

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1:15-17. 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place. 'And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: O&N 650 Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

- 1 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O earth, and all ye heav'ns rejoice; from world to world the joy shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King'.
- 2 He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains; your God is King, your Father reigns; and he is at the Father's side, the Man of Love, the Crucified.
- Alike pervaded by his eye all parts of his dominion lie; this world of ours and worlds unseen, and thin the boundary between.
- 4 One Lord one empire all secures; he reigns, and endless life is yours; through earth and heav'n one song shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King'.

The Gospel Reading: John 17: 6-19

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 looked up to heaven and payers:

'Father I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

After the Gospel reading:-

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

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand The Creed

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 the 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

Those who are in particular need

Nicky, Hilary and David Clow, Michael Batchelor, Jane Easterbrook, Laurie Gabriel, Peter Coleman, Michael Howarth, Ann Taylor, Vivienne Beament, David Scott, Fr. Alan Sharpe, Ron Jones, and Sam Cooper

Rest in peace: Sue Raymond and Doris Heath

Anniversary of death: Marina Barnes and Chris Johnson

Together with the other Churches in Pulborough, we pray for the residents who live or work in The Spinney, Spinney North

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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace and then says:

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

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of the 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: O&N 137 Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

1 Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for me,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

- 2 Crown him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn; The fruit of mystic Rose, As of that Rose the Stem, The Root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love!
 Behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds, yet visible above,
 In beauty glorified;
 No angel in the sky
 Can fully bear the sight,
 But downward bends each burning eye
 At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
 Whose pow'r a sceptre sways
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
 Absorbed by prayer and praise:
 His reign shall know no end,
 And round his piercèd feet,
 Fair flow'rs of Paradise extend
 Their fragrance ever sweet.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years the Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail, For thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail, Throughout eternity.

Pray 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

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. Paul continues with the prayer until all sing together:

The Sanctus and Benedictus O&N 972 Michael Forster (born 1946)

- Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
 in power and wisdom for ever adored!
 The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
 our joyful hosannas re-echo above!
- Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free; who comes in the name of the Father of light, let endless hosannas resound in the height!

Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:

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

Fr. Paul 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.

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. Michael L Forster (born 1946) based on the Agnus Dei

- O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts and take our sin away.
 O Lamb of God, your grace impart, and let our guilty fear depart, have mercy, Lord, we pray.
 have mercy, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Lamb of God, our lives restore, our guilty souls release. Into our lives your Spirit pour and let us live for evermore in perfect heav'nly peace, in perfect heav'nly peace.

The Breaking of Bread

The Giving of Communion

Fr. Paul 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.

All come forward to make their communion or receive a blessing

The Communion Hymn: O&N 374 Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

- Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.
- Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.
- Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come.
- Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down, now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.
- Just as I am, of that free love
 the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Please kneel or sit

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The following prayer is then said by all:

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

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: O&N 359 Praise Trust version of a hymn by Isaac Watts (1674-1748

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest and all the humble poor are blessed.
- To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like incense shall arise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the long 'Amen!'

Closing Organ Music

LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2018

If you have any special dates to mark an anniversary or in remembrance of a loved one, please consider sponsoring the pew leaflets on one Sunday.

Sunday 27th May.
Sunday 10th 17th or 24th of June,
Sunday 1st or 22nd of July
Sunday 5th, 12th, 19th or 26th August are all available at the moment. We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.
Details from Ann Kaiser 872819

MORE HELP NEEDED!

Please help us to keep the church open for visitors. On Saturdays and Sundays we have visitors to the churchyard and it would be good to have the church open as well. We have a list at the back of the church for names. Names can be added nearer the date you choose. We hope to keep the church open from 3-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. If you feel you could give two hours once in a while, preferably two people together that would be great. Spending time in church, reading, doing craft work, letter writing or just sitting and enjoying the peace of this wonderful building can be rewarding and at the same time very helpful.

EVENSONG AT THE CATHEDRAL -THIS THURSDAYOn this day our Parish is prayed for at the Cathedral.

We are invited for a guided tour before tea in the Cloister Café followed by Sung Evensong at 5.30pm. Please add you name to the list at the back of the Church if you would like to be part of this visit.

NEXT SUNDAY -SONGS OF PRAISE - 20th May at 4pm in Church

(i) A special Songs of Praise for Pentecost together with members of all the other churches in the Village. Sparkling elderflower, wine and summer cakes served after the Songs of Praise. Do bring friends and neighbours. Retiring collection in aid of Family Support Work

(ii)Thy Kingdom Come Celebration at 7.00pm at the Cathedral on May 20th.. It is going to be a great celebration. The content is being put together by Martin Poole from Beyond Church (of the Advent Beach huts and Vicar of St. Luke's Prestonville) and Archdeacon Fiona will be preaching.

Visit to the Festival of Flowers at Chichester Cathedral Saturday 2nd June in the afternoon.

Weekly Diary and Liturgical Calendar Monday 14th of May St. Matthias the Apostle 7.30pm Tower Bellringing

Tuesday 15th of May Feria of Easter

Wednesday 16th of May
Feria of Easter
10am The Holy Eucharist
11am Holy Communion at Hillside Lodge

Thursday 17th of May

Feria of Easter
1.30pm Ladybirds
3.30pm Leave for visit to Chichester Cathedral
7pm Choir Practice
8pm MAP meeting at The Rectory

Friday 18th of May
Feria of Easter
12noon The Holy Eucharist
7pm Handbell ringing practice

Saturday 19th of May St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 988

20th of May: PENTECOST SUNDAY (Whit Sunday)
8am The Holy Eucharist
10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST
Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 and John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15
12.30pm Holy Baptism of Leo Michael Edward Cripps
4pm SONGS OF PRAISE
7pm Thy Kingdom Come Celebration at the Cathedral