

Parish of West Grinstead

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9 MAY 2021
EASTER 6

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St George's & St Michael's
To Know • Love • Follow Jesus

Next week's readings:
16 May —Easter 7 (Sun after Ascension)
1st reading: Acts 1.1-11
Gospel: Luke 24.44-end

Parish Church of St George
West Grinstead



SERVICES TODAY
8.00—Holy Communion
11.00—Morning Prayer

The Church of St Michael
Partridge Green



SERVICES TODAY
9.30 Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER

from The Book of Common Prayer Sunday 9 May 2021

Hymn (choir only) NEH114 (tune Christchurch)

*Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.*

*For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate;
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.*

*3. Unfathomed live divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Not life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

All Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips

All **and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All **The Lord's name be praised.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship, and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.

Amen.

Psalm 98 Chant 243 Knight (choir only)

1. O sing unto the Lord a | new | song : for he hath | done | marvellous | things.

2. With his own right hand and with his | holy | arm : hath he | gotten him|self the | victory.

3. The Lord declared | his sal|vation : his righteousness hath he openly | shewed in the | sight of the | heathen.

4. *He hath remembered his mercy and truth, toward the | house of | Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the sal|vation of | our | God.*
5. *Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord | all ye | lands : sing re|joice and | give | thanks.*
6. *Praise the Lord up|on the | harp : sing to the | harp with a | psalm of | thanksgiving.*
7. *With trumpets | also and | shawms : O shew yourselves joyful be|fore the | Lord the | King.*
8. *Let the sea make a noise, and all that | therein | is : the round world and | they that | dwell there|in.*
9. *Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful togeth-
er be|fore the | Lord : for he is | come to | judge the | earth.*
10. *With righteousness shall he | judge the | world : and the | people | with | equity.*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

1st Reading — Acts 10.44-end King James Version (KJV)

- 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
- 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
- 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
- 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Here endeth the first lesson

Second Reading John 15.9-17 King James Version (KJV)

- 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
- 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
- 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Here endeth the second lesson

BENEDICTUS

1 **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;**
2 **And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;**
3 **As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets which have been since the world began;**
4 **That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hands of all that hate us;**
5 **To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember his holy covenant;**
6 **To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham that he would give us,**
7 **That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear,**
8 **In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.**
9 **And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;**
10 **To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins;**
11 **Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;**
12 **To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed—intoned

All I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer - Intoned

All Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

All And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

All And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Anthem (choir only) O Come, ye servants of the Lord
Words from Acts 4 Music by Christopher Tye*

*O Come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name:
From early morn to setting sun his power on earth proclaim.
His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.*

Intercessions—Please remember in your prayers:-

The sick

The Departed: John Patrick Maloney and Joyce Burtenshaw who died recently. We also remember Gillian Guest, Jackie Lucas, Roger Medhurst, Helen Read, Edith Laker, Row Rowles, Peter Whittick, Winne Tomsett, Hazel Paterson, Arthur Gathercole, Alexandra Giddings, Elsie Tobutt, Don King, Win Edwards, and Sheelah Barff, all whose years mind fall at this time

(We are trying to include everyone, but should you know anyone who needs praying for, or wish someone to be remembered, please let us know, even if they are not in this parish.)

SERMON

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn to be sung outside (weather permitting) NEH436 (tune Praise my soul)

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| <p>Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.</p> | <p>3. Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows,
In his hands he gently bears us.
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as his mercy flows.</p> |
| <p>2. Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.</p> | <p>4. Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.</p> |

EVENTS AND SERVICES

Countryside Run and Wildlife Walk – St. George’s Weekend

Many thanks to all who planned and assisted at this wonderful event on St. George’s Weekend which raised over £2,600 for parish funds.

Coronavirus: Safety in Church – Update.

Both the government and the Bishop of Chichester have pronounced that, during this third lockdown, churches can remain open for worship and private prayer. So we continue to welcome you to our services, as we continue to maintain a Covid-safe environment. The government and church authorities now permit us to have a small group of socially distanced singers for Sunday worship. We are also now allowed to sing together, as a congregation, outside church. Our Easter worship will reflect that welcome change and slight relaxation of the rules. We continue to pray for all affected by the pandemic and for a safe progression back to our usual Sunday worship activities.

The service at St. Michael’s will be streamed for the St. Michael’s Facebook Page and available later in the day on the website as usual. Wednesday Word will also be available on the website and on Facebook.

**Please continue to support the Horsham Foodbank
At present they urgently need tinned fruit and vegetables, macaroni cheese
and coffee. They generally need all non-perishable food items and toiletries
OUR DONATIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER**

Ways to give:

*We are accepting cash donations (there will always be a plate at the back of the church for offerings) but would prefer the use of the link below,
or the use of the card reader. Alison*

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7b53ef1a-b89c-4d41-87f9-5745bd62359d>

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