

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to St John's If you are new to the church, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the welcomers. After the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of church. Please stay if you can.

Thursday is Ascension Day. Sung Mass at 11 am. A day of celebration which should find us all at Mass.

Today's readings In our Eastertide readings from the Acts of the Apostles we hear today how the earliest days of the Church were a time of learning as well as celebration, preaching and witness. When St Peter receives a message to visit a Roman centurion named Cornelius he discovers something we ourselves take for granted: that God calls people of any nationality, status, origin, to faith and discipleship. A reminder to us today to rejoice in our call to faith.

The second reading continues from last Sunday's teaching of St John about love - God's gift to his children, revealed most dramatically and emphatically in the life of his Son. Our response to God's love for us must be the love we have for him and for one another.

The same theme of love is taken up in the Gospel as Jesus speaks to his closest friends, the apostles, in his final teaching to them before his arrest, trial and death. He tells them that their future task will be to live the life of love he has shown them. But they will not be left alone to do this: 'the Father will give you' (them and us) 'anything you ask him in my name'.

There's an extra hymn today during Communion - sing if you wish /can (!) Or use the time to follow and think about the words.

Parish Bible Study There is no bible study tomorrow, as it is a bank holiday. But why not take time to look at, and think about, next Sunday's readings:

Acts 1: 15-17,20-26 1 John 4: 11-16 St John 17: 11-19

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the gathering last Sunday when we said 'fare well' to Fr Tim. It's always hard to say 'goodbye', but to be surrounded by so many people and so much gratitude, generosity and love makes it so much less difficult. Thank you!

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

5th May 2024

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Parish Mass (Hymns NEH 364, 419, 351, 284, 486) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 6th May 10.00 am Mass Courage to live the Christian life
in Eastertide

Tuesday 7th May 6.30 pm Mass Prisoners of conscience
in Eastertide

Wednesday 8th May 11.00 am Sung Mass Thanksgiving
in Eastertide

Thursday 9th May 11.00 am Sung Mass The Parish
The Ascension of the Lord

Friday 10th May 10.30 am Mass *at St Andrew's* Persecuted Christians
in Eastertide

Saturday 11th May 9.30 am Mass Our witness to Christ
in Eastertide

Please pray for: Wendy Oakeshott, Roy Norton, Jack, Reg Parker, Andy Leisk, Ros Cole

Please pray for the recently departed:

And for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

- 5 Annie Hooker, Edward Roseveare (priest)
- 6 Emily Chatfield
- 7 Dorothy Lipsey, Evelyn Oakeshott
- 8 Thomas Taggart (priest), Joy Cook, Eddie Walklett, Molly Fryar
- 9 Eileen Edwards, Nona Smith, Edith Cooper
- 10 Catherine Whiteoak
- 11 Gladys Skeet