Today's services

Sunday 12th May

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

To connect via zoom Meeting ID: 833 3035 8290 Passcode: 735361 Or by phoning: 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240

10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St Leonard, Yardley Gobion

Liturgical Colour: White

Collect for today

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**.

Post Communion prayer for today

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

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21end

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ '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— 17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² 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.' ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

> For the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 17.6-19

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, we have loved the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. Alleluia.

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

⁶ '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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 15th May

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley <u>Facebook page</u>.

<u>Thursday 16th May</u> 5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact <u>Mary McVay</u> so she can send you the details.

5.00pm Refreshments at Potterspury, followed by Deanery Service for Thy Kingdom Come Diocesan Walkers (all welcome)

Sunday 19th May

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10.00am Holy Communion at
Potterspury
6.00pm Evensong at Cosgrove

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am – 4pm **Potterspury** Daily around 9am-5pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12noon-4pm

Wicken – the church can be opened if anyone would like to go in for prayer – please see the notice outside for details of who to contact.

Additional Lectionary Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.

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4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.

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Christ our wisdom, give us delight in your law, that we may bear fruits of patience and peace in the kingdom of the righteous; for your mercy's sake.

1 John 5.9-13

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service. You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.