
Pew-sheet for Sunday 4th May

St John the Evangelist Festival Sunday

The Third Sunday of Easter

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: White

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St John the Evangelist,
Wicken for their Festival Sunday.
The service will begin at the Gospel
Elm on the junction of
Leckhampstead Road and Cross Tree
Road and then process to the
church.

4.00pm Celtic Footsteps
(Welcoming the May) at the
church of St Nicholas, Potterspury

Collect for today

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the
dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many
blessings
you have given to those who
worship you here,
and we pray that all who seek you in
this place may find you, and, being
filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple,
pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen

Post Communion prayer for today

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of
your heavenly peace,
and an image of the new and eternal
Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our
pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of
heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your
presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the
world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 9.1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 21.15-19

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

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

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The coming week's services and prayer

Tuesday 6th May

2.00pm Prayer for Schools at
Yardley Gobion

Wednesday 7th May

12.00 noon Interment (Judith Williams) in Yardley Gobion
8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley
[Facebook page](#).

Thursday 8th May

5.00pm Meditation Prayer
Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspurty Daily around 9am to 5pm, or until after the last service of the day

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

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

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Acts 9.7-20

⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹ The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³ But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul^[b] and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then

he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Revelation 5.11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honour and glory and blessing!'

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honour and glory and might

for ever and ever!'

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Psalms 30

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have raised me up ♦ and have not let my foes triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you ♦ and you have healed me.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ♦ you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦ give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. ♦
Heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.

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6 In my prosperity I said,
'I shall never be moved. ♦ You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'

7 Then you hid your face from me ♦ and I was utterly dismayed.

8 To you, O Lord, I cried; ♦ to the Lord I made my supplication:

9 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? ♦ Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

10 'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; ♦ O Lord, be my helper.'

[R]

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; ♦ you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; ♦ O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

**Lord, you hide your face
when we trust in ourselves;
strip us of false security
and re-clothe us in your praise,
that we may know you
as the one who raises us from death,
as you raised your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.**

John 21.1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and

bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**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.**