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# Pew-sheet for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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### Today's services

#### *Liturgical Colour: White*

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
Meeting ID 833 3035 8290  
Passcode 735361  
*You can join just the audio by phoning*  
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**10.00am Holy Communion** at the  
church of St Leonard, Yardley  
Gobion

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#### *Collect for today*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which  
are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### *Post Communion prayer for today*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his  
life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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### Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

#### *First Reading: Acts 9.36-43*

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## **Gospel: John 10.22-30**

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

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.'

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

If you would like to receive a copy of our free weekly newsletter by email, showing details of all our upcoming services and social events within the benefice, please drop us an email to [admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk](mailto:admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk) to be added to the distribution.

## **The coming week's services and prayer**

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**8.00pm**, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**5.00pm Meditation Prayer**

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

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
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*Passcode 735361*

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**10.00am Holy Communion** at Potterspury

**6.00pm Evensong** at Cosgrove

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## **Support for you**

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## Church Buildings

### **Our buildings are open at the following times:**

**Cosgrove** Daily 10am to 4pm

**Potterspury** 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.

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### Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

#### **Revelation 7.9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' <sup>14</sup> I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

#### **Psalm 23**

**I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

**[R]**

3 He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**[R]**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**O God, our sovereign and shepherd,  
who brought again your Son Jesus  
Christ**

**from the valley of death,  
comfort us with your protecting  
presence**

**and your angels of goodness and love,  
that we also may come home  
and dwell with him in your house for  
ever.**

**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.**