
Pew-sheet for Sunday 25th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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481 5240

10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St Peter & St Paul,
Cosgrove

Collect for today

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the
power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 16.9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 14.23-29

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

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

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The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 28th May

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

Thursday 29th May

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

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

7.30pm Holy Communion for Ascension Day at Potterspury

Sunday 1st June

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10.00am Holy Communion at Wicken

4.00pm Celtic Footsteps at Potterspury

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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.

What else is coming up?

- **Monday 26th May – 15.30 – Afternoon Tea** – Potterspury
 - **Saturday 31st May – 10.00 – Plants, cakes & produce sale** for Willen Hospice – Cosgrove (Village Hall)
 - **Tuesday 3rd June – 9.00– Little Lambs** – Potterspury
 - **Thursday 5th June – 10.30 - Coffee Morning** – Cosgrove (17 Main St)
 - **Tuesday 10th June – 9.00 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
 - **Saturday 14th June – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** (with Jackie's jewellery valuations) - Potterspury
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Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Psalm 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦ and make his face to shine upon us,

2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦ your saving power among all nations.

3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.*

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦ for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.*

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦ and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us, ♦ and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

*In the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth,
O God of all the nations;
with all your people,
may we make known your grace
and walk in the ways of peace;
for your name's sake.*

John 5.1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do

you want to be made well?' ⁷ The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' ⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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.