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# Pew-sheet for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## St Peter & St Paul Festival Sunday

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### Today's services

#### *Liturgical Colour: Red*

**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 Peter & St Paul,  
Cosgrove

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#### *Collect for today*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and  
Paul glorified you in their death as in  
their life:

grant that your Church, inspired by  
their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one  
foundation,

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*

Lord God, the source of truth and  
love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles'  
teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of  
bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of  
heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

#### *First Reading: Acts 12.1-11*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' <sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went

outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

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

### ***Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, according to  
Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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

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

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**5.00pm Meditation Prayer**

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

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**8.00am Holy Communion** at Potterspury

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom  
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**12.30pm Baptism** (Ada Walter) at Yardley Gobion

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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

**Potterspur** 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 is currently closed for ceiling works to be undertaken.

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### What else is coming up?

- **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 11.00-17.00 – Potterspur Open Gardens** (Cream Teas in church) – Potterspur
- **Tue 24<sup>th</sup> June – 9.00 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
- **Tue 24<sup>th</sup> June – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
- **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00-13.30 – Potterspur Village Garage Sale** (sausage/bacon rolls in church) – Potterspur
- **Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Jul – 9.00 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
- **Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Jul – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
- **Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul – 10.30am – Coffee Morning** – Cosgrove (17 Main St)

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### Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

#### **Isaiah 65.1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

#### **Luke 8.26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them

permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**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.**