



St. Luke's Church Sevenoaks

part of The West Sevenoaks Team Ministry

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We extend a warm welcome to all and especially to visitors and newcomers to our church today.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Worship Today



8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Rev. Anne Bourne

Preacher: Rev. Anne Bourne

10.15am

Parish Eucharist

President: Rev. Anne Bourne

Preacher: Rev. Anne Bourne

Lesson Reader: Nick Donaldson

Prayers: Rev. Anne Bourne

Hymns: 433 & 543

As a church we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. If you have any concerns, you can contact our parish Safeguarding Officer: Ros Ward on: 01959 525638. Or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Greg Barry on 01634 560000 or 07787445032. Outside office hours Thirtyone:eight on 0303 003 11 11.

Charity for May is:
Mary's Meals

If you wish to donate but you won't be in church on the Third Sunday, please either pass your donation to a Church Warden at any time or put it in an envelope, clearly marked with the Charity's Name, in the collection on one of the two weeks before or the following week. Should you wish to Gift Aid your donation, envelopes are available at the back of church.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT Reading - Acts 8.26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gospel – John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in

me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Hymns

433 Give me Joy in my Heart

543 O Praise ye the Lord



Easing of Lockdown

As we continue to see the easing of lockdown, we will begin to see some of our activities returning and others evolving. Do watch this space for announcements and ways you can be involved with what will be happening.



Anne

Save the Date Sunday 11th July

Strawberry Tea (in shifts) providing we continue to see the easing of lockdown



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 to 16 May 2021

Let's keep St Luke's involvement with CAW going, which means engaging with our local community

A few Adult, Teenage and supervised Youngster Volunteers would help to distribute *Delivery Only* envelopes. We would like to cover the houses in the St Luke's area so **please adopt a Road** and sign the Sheet in Church or call Peter Ashwell

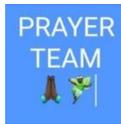
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Team Prayers

by Zoom takes place fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021
Passcode: 218012



Team Evensong

each Sunday at 6.30pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394
Passcode: 168200



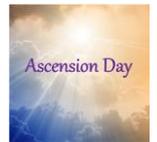
Recital Update

Lunchtime Recitals re-starting on Wednesday 19th May



Ascension Day Eucharist Thursday 21st May 8pm St Luke's

Please plan to join us



Coffee Rota

Please may we have volunteers to set up, serve coffee and clear up after the service. Sign up sheet at the back of church



Parish Office

The office will be open next week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.00am - 2.30pm



Church Open

Church open on a Monday 9.00-1.00pm and Thursday 12.00-4.00pm. If you could pop-in and clean after, please let Anne know

