

Warm Welcome to
St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield
Following Jesus; Celebrating Life; Welcoming All

28th April 2024 –Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Eucharist Service

Leader: Sam Ellmore
Preacher: Sam Ellmore
Officiant: Sam Ellmore



6.30pm Evening Worship

Leader: Pat Clarke
Preacher: Sam Ellmore

Holy Communion – Thursday at 9.30am

As you prepare for worship today you might like to reflect on this prayer.

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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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10.00am Eucharist Service

Reading: Acts 8: 26 - end

John 15: 1 - 8

Hymns: 202, (Sheet: O to see the dawn), (Sheet: You are the vine), 344,
(Children's Hymn: 291)**6.30pm Evening Worship**

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-14

Revelation 3:1-13

Diary

Tuesday	30th	10.00am	to 12.00pm Coffee Shop
		10.00am	to 12.00pm Garden Tidy
		6.30pm	Sam's Band Practice
Wednesday	1st	1.45pm	Mothers' Union
Thursday	2nd	9.30am	Mid-week Communion
		7.00pm	Music Group
Friday	3rd	10.00am	to 12.00pm Coffee Shop
		10.00am	to 12.00pm Garden Tidy
Saturday	4th	12.30pm	Wedding Service
Sunday	5th		Sixth Sunday of Easter
		10.00am	Eucharist Service
		12.00pm	Baptism Service
		6.30pm	Evening Worship

General Notices**PCC**

There will be a brief gathering for members of the PCC after the 10.00am service at the frontend of Church

Tim on Study Leave

Until July Tim is on Study Leave.

Church Cleaning

It is the time of year when we are appealing for help with the cost of church cleaning. The usual donation is £20. Please put your contribution in a Gift Aid envelope and mark it Church Cleaning. Thank You. Finance Team.

Parking on Priory Road.

I have had a few complaints about inconsiderate & illegal parking on Priory Road. Please remember our neighbours when coming to Church by car & be a good neighbour.
Thanks, Tim.

An Invitation

Gary Simmons, curate here in the eighties, is to retire in May. He invites anyone who remembers him to attend his retirement service in Tamworth. Many of us remember him with fondness. There is a sheet with the details on the notice board at the back of church.

Prayer Requests.

All prayer requests are welcome, but we ask that if you put a name on the list for prayer – firstly you have asked permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer, secondly that your initials are with the request and that where possible you keep us updated on progress. Due to the number of people needing prayer we are now having a weekly list and a monthly one. If you have requested prayer and the name seems to have been removed and they are still in need of prayer please ask for the name to be put back. Generally names will be on for four weeks but that can always be extended. Thank you for your understanding.

Food Bank

Donations in kind can now be made to support the St Paul's Food Bank. Please leave in the boxes at the back of church – Thank You, Katharine.

Sheffield Diocesan Podcasts

The Diocese has recently started a weekly podcast called Words of Grace. Tim was interviewed a couple of weeks ago and the interview is available on the church website, along with a link to the Words of Grace podcast series.
<https://stmarysecclesfield.org.uk/>

Pastoral Care

During these unusual times it is difficult to be always aware of any members of the congregation who are unwell or in need of prayer, so if you know of any such concern it would be helpful if you could let Tim or Stephanie know. Thank you.

Ecclesfield Priory Players

Are presenting 'Third Week in August' – a comedy from Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th May. Norma will not be able to get tickets for us as she has done for so long, so please do continue to support our village theatre group by buying your tickets from their Saturday morning coffee morning at the theatre.

10 till 12 noon, or tickets@ecclesfieldprioryplayers.co.uk or by phone at 0114 2402624

Explore Churches Week

The Diocese has a new initiative of opening churches during the Spring half-term. As one of the most important churches in the Diocese, we have been invited to be open as a Heritage Church as part of this year's pilot. We have agreed to be open on Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st May 2024. We are looking for volunteers to carry on serving refreshments after the normal coffee shop closes and to act as greeters and guides or to help prepare displays. Please contact **Andrew Robinson** or **Sam Ellmore**

Acts 8:26-end

Then 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.

John 15:1-8

'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.

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| <p>1. God is love: let heav'n adore him;
 God is love: let earth rejoice;
 let creation sing before him,
 and exalt him with one voice.
 He who laid the earth's foundation,
 he who spread the heav'ns above,
 he who breathes through all creation,
 he is love, eternal Love.</p> | <p>3. God is love: and though with blindness
 sin afflicts the human soul,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 guides and heals and makes us whole.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 o'er us final triumph gain;
 God is love, so love for ever
 o'er the universe must reign.</p> |
| <p>2. God is love: and he enfoldeth
 all the world in one embrace;
 with unfailing grasp he holdeth
 ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
 And when human hearts are breaking
 under sorrow's iron rod,
 then they find that self-same aching
 deep within the heart of God.</p> | |

O to see the dawn

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Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love!
What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross

You are the vine

You are the vine
We are the branches
Keep us abiding in You
You are the vine
We are the branches
Keep us abiding in You

And we'll go and we'll go
In Your love in Your love
And we'll go and we'll go
In Your name in Your name
That the world, that the world
Will surely know, will surely know
That You have power to heal and to save

1. Jesus is Lord!

Creation's voice proclaims it,
 for by his pow'r each tree and flow'r
 was planned and made.
 Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
 sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
 Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jess is Lord!
 Praise him with alleluias,
 for Jesus is Lord!*

2. Jesus is Lord!

Yet from his throne eternal
 in flesh he came to die in pain
 on Calv'ry's tree.
 Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
 yet gave his life as ransom
 thus setting us free.

3. Jesus is Lord!

O'er sin the mighty conqu'ror,
 from death he rose and all his foes
 shall own his name.
 Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
 to show by works of power
 that Jesus is Lord.

Children's Hymn

1. If I were a butterfly,

I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings,
 and if I were a robin in a tree,
 I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing,
 and if I were a fish in the sea,
 I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
 but I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.

*For you gave me a heart,
 and you gave me a smile,
 you gave me Jesus
 and you made me your child,
 and I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.*

2. If I were an elephant,

I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk,
 and if I were a kangaroo,
 you know I'd hop right up to you,
 and if I were an octopus,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks,
 but I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.

3. If I were a wiggly worm,

I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm,
 and if I were a billy goat,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my strong throat,
 and if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair,
 but I just thank you, Father,
 for making me 'me'.



When

4pm Saturday
8 June 2024

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