



5th May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

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Big Cream Tea

On Sunday 19th May we invite friends and neighbours to join us for a free cream tea. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are able to offer scones and/or jam for the event. To make a cash donation towards the cost of the bouncy castle, please see one of the churchwardens.

TODAY

4.00 pm Celebrate Together
5.00 pm Confirmation Service,
Mary Harris Memorial Chapel
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 6th May John 15: 26 – 16: 4
Public Holiday: No Morning Prayer
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 7th May John 16: 5 – 11

Wed 8th May John 16: 12 – 15
12.00 noon Eucharist
12.15 pm Friends Who Lunch

Thu 9th May Luke 24: 44 – 53
7.00 pm Ascension Day Parish Eucharist
followed by refreshments

Fri 10th May John 16: 20 – 23

Sat 11th May John 16: 23 – 28

Next Sunday: 12th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

John 17: 6 – 19
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist



10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 701

Offertory hymn 663

Recessional hymn 201

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

This is My Body, Broken for You

God is Love: His the Care

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

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.

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Reading: John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

