



11th May 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

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Notices

Big Cream Tea Next Sunday

The sign up sheet for contributions of jam/scones is at the back of the church. Cash donations towards bouncy castle costs are also welcome. Please speak to Liz Holland for more information.

An Invitation

The University Anglican Chapel invites you to its summer fête, fundraising for Melanesian Mission on Saturday 17th May from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm, outside the Mary Harris Memorial Chapel.



Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 744

Offertory hymn 432

Recessional hymn 47

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Ye Servants of God

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 12th May

John 10: 1 – 10

11.25 am Prayer walk with ICE at
Stoke Hill Primary School

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 13th May

John 10: 22 – 30

Wed 14th May

John 15: 9 – 17

12.00 pm Eucharist

12.30 pm Friends Who Lunch

Thu 15th May

John 13: 16 – 20

Fri 16th May

John 14: 1 – 6

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 17th May

John 14: 7 – 14

Next Sunday: 18th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 13: 31 – 35

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist
Preacher: Charlotte Payne,
ordinand.

2.00 pm Big Cream Tea

6.00 pm Service of Wholeness and
Healing

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Acts 9: 36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading: John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

