



25th May 2025
6th Sunday of Easter

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Notices

Tea Thanks

Liz would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone who helped make last Sunday's Big Cream Tea such summery success in the sunshine by offering help, scones, jam, cream and donations towards the cost of the bouncy castle.

Blessing of PCC Members

This will take place next Sunday, 1st June, at the 10.00 am Parish Eucharist.

Support Our Churchwardens

On Thursday 5th June, 7.00 pm, at St David's Church, Exeter, Rachel Martindill and Sue Pinn will each take their oath as churchwardens.

TODAY

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 26th May John 15: 26 – 16: 4
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 27th May John 16: 5 – 11

Wed 28th May John 16: 12 – 15
12.00 pm Eucharist

Thu 29th May Luke 24: 44 – 52
7.00 pm Ascension Day Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments at the back of the church

Fri 30th May John 16: 20 – 23
10.30 am Coffee morning
2.30 pm Service of thanksgiving for Andrew Mimmack

Sat 31st May Luke 1: 38 – 49
12.00 pm Interment of ashes

Next Sunday: 1st June

Seventh Sunday of Easter John 5: 1 – 9
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm Celebrate Together
6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

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.



10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Processional hymn

94

City of God, How Broad and Far

Offertory hymn

116

Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come

Recessional hymn

392

Light's Abode, Celestial Salem

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 10 & 21: 22 - 22: 5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. [...] I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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.