



Registered Charity No. 1164989

NEWS SHEET

Fifth of Easter

Rectory Office open this week on:
Tues & Thurs – 10am - 1pm
Tel: 01903 742888

A day led by the Rev'd Steve Gurr to explore what we understand by 'sacred space', how it benefits our own spiritual journey and how it may benefit those we journey alongside. £80. Please email Steve at ss.gurr@gmail.com for more details.

6pm April to October
4pm November to March



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***All welcome to either or both - please
come and join us for a friendly cuppa
with the clergy.***

NEXT MEETING ON TUES, 7 MAY

Monday, 13 May
Chichester Cathedral at 11.30am
 Celebration Eucharist for the
 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of
 Women to the Priesthood
All are welcome to attend

Christine Tuson (Churchwarden)

If you can help please contact
Viv Stuart at the Rectory Office
(vivienstuart44@googlemail.com)
Christine Tuson (ctuson@lineone.net)

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is the Churchwarden – Christine Tuson (01903 905932). Please contact Christine if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

If this is the first time you are visiting our Church please fill in your name and address on one of the pink cards (they are near the entrance door of the Church) and give it to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens. We try to get to know new people as quickly as possible and make them feel at home among friends.

6.00pm Evensong *Michael Taylor*
Ps 46; Song of Solomon 4: 16-5: 2;
Revelation 3: 14-end
Readers: TBC

Sunday, 28 April 2024

Fifth of Easter

Opening Hymn

AM 721

Love divine, all loves excelling

THE COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ada Ball

Acts 8: 26-end

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

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.

SECOND READING

Keith Taylor

1 John 4: 7-end

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is

love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gradual Hymn

AM 639

Give thanks with a grateful heart

GOSPEL

the Revd Charles Hadley

John 15: 1-8

Jesus the True Vine

'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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Christine Tuson

Offertory Hymn

HON 714

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ great High Priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heav'n above,
thy Church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in ev'ry nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
off'ring one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closed union,
one Body and one Head.

O living bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self has given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread its hallowed token
we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

May we, thy word believing,
thee through thy gifts receive,
that, thou within us living,
we all to God may live;
draw us from earth to heaven
till sin and sorrow cease,
forgiving and forgiven,
in love and joy and peace.

Music during Communion

Taste and see

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

AM 476

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

NOTICES

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THOUGHT for the WEEK

from Revd Jacqui Peal

A copy is with this Notice Sheet, it is on the Church Noticeboard and Church website.

CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

First Tuesday of each month at 10am – 10.30am at Our Lady of England RC Church. Next meeting on **Tuesday, 7 May 2024**, but please check with Revd Charles Hadley (740787). These meetings last for 30 minutes and Christians from many different churches in and around Storrington get together to pray for Storrington and the world. It is quite informal and everyone is most welcome.

Concheeta is moving to Horsham

next week. She would still like to come to St Mary's on Sundays but she can only get a bus as far as Washington. If anyone can offer Concheeta a lift from Washington to Storrington in time for the 10am Service please contact Viv Stuart (078/14 248579). Thank you very much.

FSW
are based in
Storrington Village Hall

Tuesday mornings (9.30 – 11.15am)
(10am - 12 noon in school holidays)

as a drop-in centre for young families and older members
of the community too. Everyone is welcome.

**We have lost our food and goods supply for our mums
in Storrington at the moment and so we will be grateful
for any donations of ...**

**KETCHUP; JAM; CEREAL; SQUASH;
TINNED FRUIT; CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING;
LONG GRAIN RICE; TINNED TOMATOES;
TINNED VEGETABLES; TINNED POTATOES**

**NOT CURRENTLY NEEDED:
BISCUITS; TEA; PASTA & NAPPIES**

Please take any food donations to the Rectory Office on
Tuesday or Thursday mornings (10am – 1pm), or deliver to
the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings. Do not leave them
in the Church.

*Thank you so much for all the recent contributions. They are
really appreciated.*

QUIET DAY

at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN

Thursday, 16 May 10am-4pm

led by The Chemin Neuf Community

Speaker: The Rev Canon Paul Seaman,

Rector of Pulborough and Rural Dean

A day with a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch.

Enquiries or Registration :

storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Saturday, 22 June St Alban Pilgrimage

A grand day out to St Albans by executive coach from
Storrington.

This special festival commemorates the first Christian
martyr on British soil, the Roman soldier, Alban, who was
killed for harbouring and offering hospitality to a Christian
priest, Amphibalus.

The story is acted out using giant puppets in procession
through the streets of St Albans. There will be a Festal
Eucharist at 12 Noon with Pilgrimage Preacher: The Right
Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. The
day concludes with Festal Evensong at 4pm with a grand
procession with red roses to the Shrine of St Alban in the
cathedral.

Coach trip return is £25 per person. Departing Rectory
Road, Storrington, at 08.30am and returning at 7.00pm.
Please fill the form in at the back of church if you are
interested in going.

Stephen Bloxham

ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON & PULBOROUGH DISTRICT

Storrington Library Car Park
Bank Holidays – Mondays,
6 May & 27 May
8 am – 12 noon

