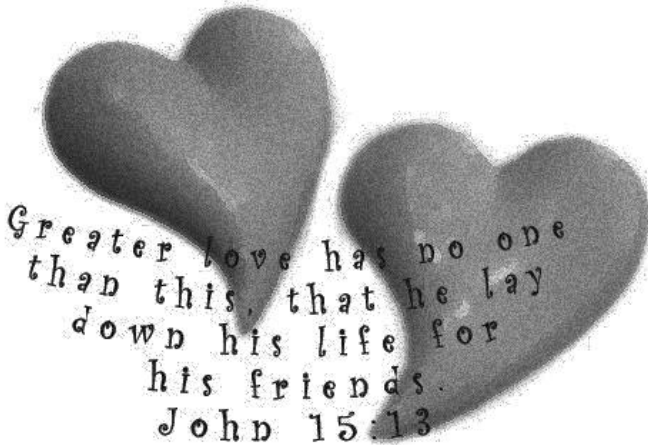


PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, PULBOROUGH



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Rogation Sunday)

5th May, 2024

**10.30am 'ALL ARE WELCOME'
CELEBRATION**
'Love one another'.

The leaflets today have been generously sponsored.

**In celebration of our much loved
Mim – Margaret Mapstone
who celebrates her 100th birthday tomorrow.
Ros and Peter Allwood**

Welcome to our 'All our Welcome' Eucharist on this Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Fr Paul

ALMs: Vicky Smith, Austen Hindman, Hannah Holloway

The Reading: Ellie Hindman

Music: Michael Pioli

The Setting: Gathering Mass

Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.

Please wait to be directed to communion.

*If you feel able to make a donation during the offertory hymn and you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the details on the Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your service leaflet. We also have **contactless facilities** available by the organ at the back of the church. You can also use this QR code. Thank you.*



In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you.

Do join us for refreshments after the service

Introductory music: – Pavane by Peter Warlock

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Entrance Hymn: O&N 672

Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle
(1875-1939)

- 1 **Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.***

- 2 **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
*Refrain***

- 3 **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy
deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
*Refrain***

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Fr. Paul welcomes the congregation and introduces the theme of the service

**Prayers of Penitence – Vicky
Taizé chant – God is Forgiveness**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Fr Paul:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peruvian Gloria: O&N 966

- 1** Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.**
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

2 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Son of the Father.
 **Glory to God, glory to God,
 Son of the Father.**
 To him be glory forever.
 To him be glory forever.
 Alleluia, amen.
 Alleluia, amen.
 Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

3 Glory to God, glory to God,
 glory to the Spirit.
 **Glory to God, glory to God,
 glory to the Spirit.**
 To him be glory forever.
 To him be glory forever.
 Alleluia, amen.
 Alleluia, amen.
 Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Day

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please sit

The First Reading: Acts 10. 44-end

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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: O&N 35

***A new commandment, I give unto you
That you love one another, as I have loved you.
That you love one another, as I have loved you.***

1 **By this shall all know
That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.
By this shall all know
That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another. *Refrain***

2 **You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can nothing.
You are my friends if
You do what I command you.
Without my help you can nothing *Refrain***

3 I am the true Vine,
My Father is the gard'ner,
Abide in me and I will be with you.
I am the true Vine,
My Father is the gard'ner,
Abide in me and I in you. *Refrain*

4 True love is patient,
Not arrogant, nor boastful.
Love bears all things, love is eternal.
True love is patient,
Not arrogant, nor boastful.
Love bears all things, love is eternal. *Refrain*

The Gospel Reading: John 15. 9-17

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Talk - Hannah

Hold Us Together.

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life in five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government

But it's all you need

**And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone**

It's waiting for you knocking at your door
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor

And you're on your knees

**And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone**

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark, you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright

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*Songwriters: Matt Maher / Steve Wilson
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Please stand

The Affirmation of Faith

Austen:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit.

The Intercessions - the prayers of our church.

Austen: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand.

The Peace

Fr. Paul:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And always with you.

Fr. Paul: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope. Thank you

**The Offertory Hymn: O&N 429 verses 1, 3 and 5-7
Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)**

- 1** Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with kin, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*
- 3** Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood,'
love, only love, is his sign. **Chorus**
- 5** Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. **Chorus**
- 6** Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law. **Chorus**
- 7** Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word. **Chorus**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Fr Paul continues until the following is sung:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might:
heaven and earth, heaven and earth,
are full of your glory, your pow'r and might:
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes, blessed, blessed is he who
comes;
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

Fr Paul continues until the following is said:

Great is the mystery of faith,
**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

*Fr Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to
which all respond: **Amen***

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



The Giving of Communion

Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd *Stuart Townend*

- 1 **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

- 2 **He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

Refrain

- 3 **And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.**

Refrain

Please kneel or sit

The Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Notices will now be given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

**The Recessional Hymn: O&N 428 (2nd Tune)
Omitting v3 and 4
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)**

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.**
- 2 **Jesu, thou art all compassion**

Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

5 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

6 Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

7 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:

8 Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Concluding Music: Where'ere you walk. G F Handel

THIS THURSDAY – ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day is one of the most important Festivals in the Church year. There will be the **Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm**. Please do join us and mark this most special day.

.For your prayers this week

In the Anglican cycle of prayer this Sunday we pray for:

The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner and his Office:

Howard Cattermole; Jeannette Sax, Imogen Robins and Ian Tout.

*We pray for **our nation and government**, especially at this time for King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti and other troubled parts of the world.** We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

The Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian

Отче наш, що єси на небесах,
Нехай святиться Ім'я Твоє.
Хай прийде Царство Твоє,
нехай буде воля Твоя
Як на небі, так і на землі
Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні.
І прости нам провини наші,
як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим.
І не введи нас у спокусу,
але визволи нас від лукавого.
Бо Твоє є Царство, і сила, і слава
навіки. Амінь

A Prayer for the Holy Land

**Loving God,
Praying for the Holy Land and its people,
praying for your deep peace,
praying that swords are turned to ploughshares,
we ask that your kingdom will come on earth as in heaven.**

**May those in power seek your heart.
May those suffering know your presence.
May those mourning be comforted.
May we, who watch at a distance,
be open to seeing with your eyes of compassion and
understanding
and know how to pray and respond justly, mercifully and
humbly.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.
We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

Those who are in need of continued prayer:

Peter Johnston, Helen and Peter Leeke, Ben, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, Trevor Higton, James McDonagh, Bill Bewley, Nick Reilly, Mandy, Phyllis Gabriel, Victoria and Mihaela, Sergio and Doug, Tim Johnson and Michael Thornley

Pray to rest in peace: *Pat Phillips (one of St Mary's Church Flower Arrangers until 2018), Wendy Moorhead, Joyce Stephens and Ken Green*

Anniversary of death: *Brian Blaber, Michael Monahan and Elizabeth Touche*

*Together with the other churches in the Village we **pray for all** who live and work in The Spinney, Spinney North and Strawberry Field*

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 6th: *Feria of Easter* (Rogation Day)

(Bank Holiday)

7.30pm Tower Bellringing Practice

Tuesday 7th: *Feria of Easter* (Rogation Day)

9.30am Morning Prayer

2pm Sing for Pleasure at the Village Hall

7pm St Mary's Prayer Support Group meet at The Hermitage

Wednesday 8th *Julian of Norwich* (Rogation Day)

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

11.15am The Holy Eucharist at The Anchorage

Thursday 9th: ASCENSION DAY

9.30am Morning Prayer

10-11.30am Ladybirds

2pm Standing Committee meet at 1 The Mews

7.30pm SUNG EUCHARIST

Friday 10th: *Feria of Easter*

9.30am Reception children from School in Church

12noon The Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Handbell ringing

Saturday 11th: *Feria of Easter*

10.15am to 3pm New Testament Study Day at the Bishop's Palace

Sunday 12th: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Start of CHRISTIAN AID WEEK)

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Preacher: Vicky Smith

Readings: Acts 1. 15-17 and 21-end and John 17. 6-19

8.30am to 12noon Cake Sale for Christian Aid in Church

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th to 18th May

Pray this Christian Aid Week that people pushed to the brink of poverty in so many places around the world will find the strength and opportunity to push back harder and fulfil their hopes and ambitions.

Next **Sunday 12th May** we will be having a cake sale following the 8am and 10.30am services. If you are able to provide a home-made cake, savouries or biscuits that would be so helpful.

Please also find a Christian Aid envelope with your pew leaflet this week, if you are able to give a donation it would be so great.

Envelopes can be returned over the next two Sundays.

SING FOR PLEASURE – This Tuesday

With an earlier date this month do come along to the Village Hall on **Tuesday from 2-3.30pm** to sing songs from the decades. A light - hearted session, led by Michael Pioli. No audition, not choir just a joy of singing!

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK – FSW

Thank you so much for your continued support of this much needed local charity that supports local families and those in the wider diocese. The Food bank wish list for May include:

Ketchup, jam, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, long grain rice, cereal, squash tinned fruit, custard/ rice pudding.

At present they have sufficient: biscuits, tea, pasta and nappies.

Items can be left in the FSW food hamper in church or please contact **Alyson Heath on 01798 873795** who will be pleased to hear from you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...A Summer Concert on Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm in church. The Farlingtonic Choir directed by Jane Thomas, together with singers, dancers and instrumentalist from Farlington School. Retiring collection in aid of the Church Organ Fund. Refreshments provided.

PARISH MAGAZINE

It is hoped to publish a quarterly magazine and we have people willing to do the content and printing. We just need some to contact existing advertisers. If you feel you could help please contact **Emma Simpson on emma_simpson_design@mac.com**

SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE 2024

Thank you so much for your support of this weekly scheme, it is much appreciated.

Do please consider sponsoring one of the services leaflets. Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one.

The dates we have are:

Sunday 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th June

Sunday 14th July

Sunday 4th, 11th or 18th August

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.

Your donations help us to offset the cost of printing and paper which is such a great help. Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

NATURE DATES/NOTES FROM CHRISTINE LINDSAY

Next Friday 10th May - meeting at RSPB PBR car park at 7.00p.m bring binoculars and if possible a mobile phone with the Merlin app already downloaded.

Next Nature Talk/Walk **Saturday 18th May** - starting at 10.00a.m from North Door of church

First of the monthly Bat/Moth evenings is **Thursday 23rd May** at 8.30p.m. outside the church

PULBOROUGH GARDEN SOCIETY – GRAND PLANT SALE

With warmer weather and thoughts turning to gardening and planting, the local Garden Society has a **Grand Plant Sale next Saturday 11th May** in Coughtry's Yard, next to Sainsbury from **9am to 1pm**. Please do go along and support this local garden society and stock up your garden for the summer.