**Sunday 10thMay 2015**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *380* Offertory Hymn: *139*

Communion Hymns: *334 & 304* Recessional Hymn: *404*

Voluntary: *Ciacona in F minor - Pachelbel.*

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The departed: Alice Banyard, Kate Bird, Louisa Bolton, Henry Coggs, Helen Musson and Jessie Scrivener.

**Three important events!**

**May Devotion**Our annual May Devotion to our Lady is **this Sunday at 4pm**. Our guest preacher is Fr Mark Stafford, the new chaplain at Pusey House.

**Ascension Day**This coming Thursday (14 May) is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.  We will celebrate the solemnity with a Mass with Hymns at 7.30pm.

**Sinners and Saints**The next Sinners and Saints lecture is scheduled for **Thursday 28 May at 7.30pm**. The talk will be on the very influential American journalist, social activist, and devout Catholic convert, Dorothy Day. She advocated the Catholic economic theory of distributism. In the 1930s, Day worked closely with fellow activist Peter Maurin to establish the Catholic Worker Movement, a pacifist movement that continues to combine direct aid for the poor and homeless with nonviolent direct action on their behalf. She served as editor of the Catholic Worker newspaper from 1933 until her death in 1980.  The talk and discussion will be led by Angela Wills.

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**Psalter Week 2**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

11 May

Tuesday

12 May

Wednesday

13 May

Thursday

14 May

Friday

15 May

Saturday

16 May

**Sunday**

**17 May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**16.00 May Devotion**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 6 of Easter

No Services

Tuesday of Week 6 of Easter

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Wednesday of Week 6 of Easter

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**09.00 Mattins**

**19.00 Evensong**

**19.30 Mass with Hymns**

Friday of Week 6 of Easter

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 6 of Easter

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN YOUR LENT BOXES.** We would appreciate having them all in by **TODAY.**

**TODAY 16.00,** May Devotion. Our preacher this year is Fr Mark Stafford, chaplain of Pusey House.  Do put this date in your calendar!

**The Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham in 2016** has been booked for 8th April to 10th April 2016. Names need to be given to Brenda Alderson by the **TODAY**.

**Fr Sam's ordination to the priesthood** is scheduled for Saturday, 27 June at 3pm.  His first mass will be the following day, Sunday 28 June at 6pm.  We will have a low mass that morning at 10.30am, and encourage all to come to the evening parish mass.

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

**Sunday 10th May 2015 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.***

**COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God,

that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Acts 10: 25-26; 34-35; 44-48)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man after all!" Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have now come to

realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself

then said, "Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?" He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 97

***R/ The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.***

***or***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (1 John 4: 7-10)

*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son

to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (John 15: 9-17)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings,

so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***