

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19th 2019

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: **122** Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 148:1-6

R/ Praise the Lord from the heavens and praise him in the heights.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.

R/

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.
Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

R/

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

R/

The Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **107** Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!

The Communion Hymn: **305** Soul of my Saviour

The Anthem: Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity,
Charles V Stanford

The Final Hymn: **296** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Organ Voluntary: Fantasy Easter Hymn, *William Harris*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

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| Sidesmen | Athley Cowling and Pauline Lester |
| Lesson | Anthea Redmond |
| Intercessions | David Dew |
| Servers | Sheila Croton and Louis Bell |
| Acolytes | Sue Hockley and Clare Croton |
| Chalice | Carol Brook-Partridge and Sheila Croton |
| Coffee | Joan Edwards and Lavinia Southern |

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

***Please pray for
The church:***

*The Anglican Church of Melanesia
The Most Revd George Takeli - Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia
and Bishop of Central Melanesia*

Our Bishops:

Bishop Alan confirming in Burnham and Slough Deanery

Bishop Steven confirming at Bradfield College

Bishop John Went confirming at Downe House School

Bishop David Jennings confirming in Claydon Deanery

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Henry, Mark, Gill, Kathleen, Richard, Eddie

The departed:

Anne Taylor

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

William Barlow (19), Sylvia Read (21), Terry Clarke (23)

Those to be married this week:

Benjamin Angove & Nina Porter

Today

2.00pm-5.00pm Chantry House Teas (CH)

4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM)

6.00pm Youth Club (CH)

This Week

Mon 20

Tues 21

Wed 22

Babies And Toddlers Session 10.00am (SM)

BATS Eucharist 11.00am (SM)

Thurs 23

Eucharist 10.00am (SM)

Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)

Fri 24

Praying Together 9.30am (CH)

Sat 25

Wedding 1.30pm (SM)

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday May 26 ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Eucharist (SM)

9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)

11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (BCP) (SN)

2.00pm-5.00pm Chantry House Teas (CH)

6.00pm Youth Club (CH)

Notices for the week beginning 19 May

Parking - please can you consider carefully if you really need to park outside church on a Sunday. Space is limited and is for those who find it hard to walk from the carpark. Thank you.

New weekly Babies And Toddlers Sessions are on Wednesdays at 10.00am at St Mary's. Enjoy playing, singing and stories. Refreshments provided. No entrance fee, approx. 1 hour.

Chantry House Teas have started for the summer. Leaders and helpers are needed please for every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, 2.00-5.00pm. Please sign up on the rota on the noticeboard in the Chantry House. It is good fun and all are welcome.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

Peaceful Garden on Sunday May 19, 2.00-5.00pm. Henley Quakers invite you to discover the hidden delights of our secret garden in the heart of the town. Visit our quiet space and take time to refresh yourself. Reflect a while – perhaps the space will inspire you to draw or write something, or you may wish to just sit quietly among the scents and natural sounds of this special place. We hope you will join us for tea and cake. 45 Northfield End, Henley.

Queen Anne's School presents Chamber and Consort Choir Concert at St Nicholas Remenham on Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm. Open to all, retiring collection for church funds.

The Acorn Singers will be giving a concert, 'Ring of Bright Waters - The music of rivers and seas', in St Mary's on Friday 14 June at 12.30pm. Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church choir funds. The members of The Acorn Singers sing with church choirs in Oxfordshire and Berkshire and also perform with several choral groups including the Reading Bach Choir and Herald Singers.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm
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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is the his day off and Friday is his study day.
Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***