

The Church is open for quiet thought or prayer from 8am – 5.30pm, Monday –Friday,  
11am – 4pm on Saturday.  
Monday – Friday there is a daily Mass at 12.15pm – 12.40pm.  
Monday 1.05pm – 1.30pm Mediation group.  
On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.

### Notices

Michael McClure is organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham for the weekend of the 23rd/24th November (the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King). Cheaper rates of accommodation apply. Please contact Michael directly or e-mail him on [michaelmcclure1953@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:michaelmcclure1953@yahoo.co.uk) if interested".

### Dates for your diary

Thursday	30 May	12.15pm	Feast of the Ascension
Sunday	2 June	9.45am	Parish Breakfast
Sunday	2 June	12pm	PCC Meeting

### St Alcuin (730-804) celebrated on Monday

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,  
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,  
Eternal Power, be our support,  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;  
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength  
we may seek thy face and be brought by thine infinite mercy  
to thy holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**17<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 5**

**Celebrant:** Fr Paul Kennedy

**Preacher:** Edward Bunting

**Setting:** Missa In Simplicate - Langlais

**Hymn:** 408 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

### Acts 11.1-18

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.'

**Psalm: Psalm 148.1-6**

**R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.**

Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

**Revelation 21.1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.' To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

**John 13.31-35**

During supper, when Judas 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.'

**For your prayers:**

**Those who are ill:** Julian Goode, Tracey Llewellyn, Alison Hird

**Those who have died recently:** Miles Gaythwaite

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joy Harris, Ray Hatter

**Offertory hymn:** 279 Come Risen Lord and Deign to be Our Guest

**Anthem:** Song of Devotion – Beck

**Thanksgiving hymn:** 362 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

**Readings next Sunday, Easter 6**

Acts 16: 9-15, Revelation 21: 10, 22-22.5, John 5: 1-9