

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

### Ascension Day celebrated on Thursday

It is this great absence  
that is like a presence, that compels  
me to address it without hope  
of a reply. It is a room I enter  
from which someone has just  
gone, the vestibule for the arrival  
of one who has not yet come.  
I modernise the anachronism  
of my language, but he is no more here  
than before. Genes and molecules  
have no more power to call  
him up than the incense of the Hebrews  
at their altars. My equations fail  
as my words do. What resources have I  
other than the emptiness without him of my whole  
being, a vacuum he may not abhor?

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**26<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 6**

**Celebrant:** Fr Jonathan Herapath

**Preacher:** Fr Paul Kennedy

**Setting:** Missa De Angelus

**Hymn:** 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

### Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

## Psalm: 67

**R Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**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 21.10,22 - 22.5

In the spirit one of the seven angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more

night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

## John 14.23-29

Jesus answered Judas, saying, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

## For your prayers:

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

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

**Offertory hymn:** 373 How shall I sing that majesty

**Anthem:** Drop, Drop slow tears -Gibbons

**Thanksgiving hymn:** 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind **omit\*vs**

## Readings next Sunday, Easter 7

Acts 16: 16-34, Rev 22: 12-14&16-17&20-21, John 17: 20-26