

Your Word of the Week

12th May 2024, 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30 am	St Matthew	Morning Worship	Rev Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Morning Worship	Anne
11.00 am	St Michael & All Angels	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
4.00 pm	St Matthew's church hall	Café church - Open Table Blessing of Animals	Rev Jane & Chris Betts

The Gospel Reading, John 17:6-19

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that [a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, be so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. [c] 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. [d] 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

2nd Reading, Acts 1:15-17, 21-end

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—

17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection. ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place. ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Collect, Prayers, and Epistle Testament Reading for 7th Sunday of Easter

Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,

that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,

to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We remember the sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Colin Evans, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Ray Thorley, Margaret Lindop, Gwen Bickerton, Barbara Harvey, Winnie Rutter, Bob Holland, Rev Canon Bill Baker, Keith and Barbara Whittle, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Anna Betts, Kathleen Knox, Martin Harper, Charles Howard-Smith, Freda Claridge, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, William Carlson, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, David Hurst, Jamie Hurst, Pauline Fletcher, Susan, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, David Boaks, Mark Trigger, Paul Spencer, Emily Lees, Margaret Jones, Margaret Ellis, Jenny Slicher, Paul Wilkinson, Vicky Thopsom and Hazel Barnes-Newton.

We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

Jeff Budden, Alan Burgess, Lily Alcock and George France.

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

Epistle, 1 John 5:9-13 9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 18th May,10.00 am, in St Matthew's church hall. Everyone is welcome.

Bible study looking at The Chosen,

Thursdays in July, beginning 4th July, 7.00pm, at The Vicarage, 163 Crewe Road, Haslington, CW1 5RL. Everyone is welcome.

DIARY

- 9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.
- 10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.
- 11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.
- 4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream. 10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

Wednesday 10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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