

### Notices (continued):

**Used stamps:** Don't throw them away as they can raise money for the Leprosy Mission. Please place any of your used stamps in the box at the back of church. Please would you cut them off envelopes, leaving a very small margin around each stamp.

**Sweet Peas:** Anne and Steve would love sweet peas for their wedding. Would you be able to grow some so that they bloom for mid-August? If you can, please let Anne and Steve or Kate know. Thank you.

**Charitable giving:** At our June PCC meeting we will be allocating our charitable giving for this year. If there are any charities (local or national) you would like us to support, please give the names and contact details to Kate, Simon, Colin, Mike or a PCC member in time for our meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

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## *Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Christian Aid Week begins*

### Today's Hymns:

- 90 Come down, O love divine  
277 Jesus shall reign  
484 The King of love my shepherd is  
117 Faithful shepherd, feed me  
87 Colours of day

### This week's services and events:

#### **Today:**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May:**

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May:**

10am Midweek Eucharist  
followed by coffee in Hall

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May:**

9am Morning Prayer

#### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May:**

10am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry  
11am - 3pm St Matthew's School  
Fun Day at the school

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May:**

#### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter:**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Worship@10 Eucharist

### For prayer:

- Anne Plested now in Bethlehem with CMS
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran
- Appointment of a new Headteacher for St Matthew's School

### Today's Collect:

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh  
hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

### Today's Readings:

Acts 9: 36-end

John 10: 22-30

**\*\*Please see the end of the newsletter  
for both readings\*\***

### Post Communion Prayer:

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Next Sunday's Reading:

Acts 11: 1-18

### Notices:

**Christian Aid Week is 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May** and focusses on women and childbirth in Sierra Leone. We will be asking people to deliver envelopes door to door, but not collect them. Instead we will be asking recipients to return them to the Rectory. Please consider how you might help raise money for Christian Aid this year - would you do a raffle, a breakfast fund raiser, a quiz with friends?....

### Notices (continued):

**Christian Aid coffee morning:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10:30 – 12:00. Please support our coffee morning to raise funds for Christian Aid. We hope to have a raffle and to sell plants and would welcome donations for both.

**Christian Aid Week Quiz:** copies of their 'Book Title Quiz' are available this week and next at a suggested donation of £1. Do join in! We will be giving a prize for the winner! All proceeds to Christian Aid.

**Closing date for entries is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.**  
**Don't forget to put your name on your completed sheet.**

We will be welcoming **Anne Plested on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at our 10am service as our guest preacher.

**Questionnaire on Prayer and Spiritual Growth:** We are looking at ways to support one another in our Christian discipleship. It would be a great help if you would complete the questionnaire and return it to the box at the back of church by **end of May. Thank you.**

**Weekly newsletter:** if you would like the Sunday pew sheet emailed to you, please subscribe through our website (use the Contact tab on the menu bar). Thank you, Richard, for enabling this to happen.

**Crux:** The Diocesan monthly newsletter for **May**, is now available along with this month's diary dates and letter in the place of the magazine. These are **50p** each. We do encourage you to have a copy to know what is going on.

## **Today's Readings:**

### **Acts 9: 36-end**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **John 10: 22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."