

Notices (continued):

'**Thy Kingdom Come**' is an initiative of prayer which our Archbishops invite us to participate in to pray for our parishes and communities. We have a prayer station in Church and also we will be holding a Prayer Walk this evening starting at 6:30pm from Church.

'**Pray without Ceasing**': an opportunity to pray at Christ Church and St Clements on 18th/19th May. Full details are on the posters displayed on the notice boards.

Annual Charitable Giving: at our next PCC meeting on Wednesday 16th May we will be deciding which charities to give to. If there is a charity (local or national) you would like us to consider, please let a member of PCC know so that it can be discussed. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week: starts today and focuses on rebuilding people's homes in **Haiti** following the hurricane of 2016. Thank you in advance for your generous support. Please do take some **envelopes** for your fundraising efforts, as well as the **prayer guide** for this week.

Hazel and Justine invite you to the Royal Wedding Breakfast. Come and celebrate HRH Prince Harry's wedding to Megan. They are hosting a **Christian Aid Big Breakfast on the 19th May** (the last day of Christian Aid Week which is also the day of the wedding). It will be a breakfast fit for a King or a Prince. Please feel free to dress in Red, white (Christian Aid colours) and blue like an indoor street party with plenty of time to get back to watch the wedding. Donations to Christian Aid plus any food unopened will be sent to Stretford Foodbank.

CMS: Anne Plested, our new CMS partner, will be coming to visit us and preach on Sunday 27th May at our 10am service.

Manchester Archdeaconry **Archdeacon's Visitation Service:** will be here on Tuesday 29th May at 7:30pm. This is primarily for Churchwardens to be sworn in for the coming year, and for PCC members and Sidespeople to be welcomed to their roles and duties. Please do attend if you can.

Confirmation Classes: we hope to run these this summer. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Simon or Kate.

Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 13th May 2018 The Seventh Sunday of Easter/ The Sunday after Ascension Day Christian Aid Week

Today's Hymns:

- 422 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
- 324 Love's redeeming work is done
- 103 Crown him with many crowns
- 26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
- 13 All hail the power of Jesus' name

This week's services and events:

Today:

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Eucharist followed by singing practice for our new Communion Setting
- 6:30pm Prayer Walk for 'Thy Kingdom Come' starting from Church

Tuesday 15th May:

- 9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at All Saints
- 7:30pm Deaf/hearing Planning Meeting in Hall

Wednesday 16th May:

- 10am Midweek Eucharist followed by coffee and light lunch in Hall
- 7:30pm PCC meets in Hall

Friday 18th May:

- 9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 19th May:

- 10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry
- 10:30am - 12pm Visiting Bell Ringers in Church

Sunday 20th May: Pentecost

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Eucharist
- 12noon Holy Baptism

For prayer:

- Anne Plested as she trains with CMS for ministry in Bethlehem
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran

Forthcoming Baptisms:

- 20th May – Kyra Lily (parents Anthony and Shelley)
- 27th May – Lillie Mai Sharon
(parents Thomas and Shannon)
- 3rd June – Harlei Rikki (mother Louise)
- 1st July – Catherine Lily Johanna

Today's Collect:

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.

Today's Readings:

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) 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— ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Sunday's Reading:

Acts 2: 1-21

Notices:

Plant and Ploughman's: Thank you to all those who contributed in so many ways for this event to make it so enjoyable and successful once more.

Next Sunday is **Pentecost:** We are asking you to wear something **RED** to Church that day as part of our celebrations!

Pringles Tubs: Did you take a tub to fill with money? If so, Bobbie would be grateful if you would return your filled tubs as soon as possible (by the end of May). Thank you.

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