

Notices (continued):

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 5th June. Thank you.

School display: please do take time to enjoy the display Anne has put up about the school's Easter Egg Competition.

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.

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.

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Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 26th May 2019 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Hymns:

- 500 There is a Redeemer
- 69 Breathe on me, breath of God
- 362 O for a thousand tongues
- 106 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 405 One more step along the world I go

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
with Anne Plested to preach from CMS
Readings: S.Cabon, M.Law
Prayers: P.Saunders

Tuesday 28th May:

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers

Wednesday 29th May:

10am Midweek Eucharist
followed by coffee in Hall
7:30pm Worship Planning Meeting
in Hall

Thursday 30th May:

Ascension Day

The list and times of services is found later on in the pew sheet.

Friday 31st May:

9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 1st June:

10am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 2nd June:

The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension Day:

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
Readings: N.Law, P.Smitham
Prayers: M.Law

For prayer:

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

Today's Collect:

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Today's Readings:

Acts 16: 9-15

John 14: 23-29

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

Ascension Day Services and Times:

- ❖ **St Clement, Urmston**
7:00pm – Holy Communion
- ❖ **St John, Old Trafford**
6:30pm – Holy Communion
(followed by concert & fireworks)
- ❖ **St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme**
9:30am – Eucharist
7:30pm – Sung Eucharist
- ❖ **St Michael, Flixton**
10:15am – Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of
life and source of goodness, through him who is
alive and reigns, now and forever.

Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 16: 16-34

John 17: 20-26

Notices:

Crux: The Diocesan monthly newsletter for **May and June**, 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.

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 today. Thank you.**

Christian Aid Week: please bring any envelopes to Church so that the monies may be counted and sent off.

Christian Aid Week Quiz: today is the final day for submitting your entries. **Don't forget to put your name on your completed sheet** and hand it to Kate.

Today's Readings:

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." ¹⁰When 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. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and 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. ¹³On 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. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper 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. ¹⁵When 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.

John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, "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. ²⁴Whoever 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. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace 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. ²⁸You 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. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.