

Sunday 10th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00am** Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)
- 9:15am** Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
Hymns: 60, 171, 122, 470
- 10:45am** Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
Hymns: HON 77 512 518 291 473
Anthem: O Taste and See - Vaughan Williams
Junior Anthem: If ye then be risen with Christ - Wadeley
- 6:30pm** Choral Evensong (St Mary's)
Introit: Claire Benediction - Rutter
Hymns: 44 372 36 305
Psalm:96
Canticles: Service in D minor - Walmisley
1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-14, Olive Holmes
2nd Reading: Revelation 3.1-13, Ann Mallinson
Anthem: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine - Carter

NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday 17th: 6th Sunday of Easter**
- 9:15am Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
3:00pm Rehearsal (St Mary's)
10:00pm Sung Compline (St Mary's) after Triptich

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Gill, Andy, Barbara Nye, John Mark,
Christine Scholfield, Jerry Bottle
and Hayley Benham**



And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died.

An updated version of St Mary's Parish Prayer Diary is now out - please take one from the back of St Mary's - this diary is for all of us to use every day, so we can be a praying community; praying not only for others and their needs but for each other.



Don't Miss Out Ashwell Music Festival tickets are going fast !

Have you looked at St Mary's Parish website recently? - The site is constantly being updated with events and information.
www.stmarysashwell.org.uk

Tower Open Today

This week is Christian Aid week: Please pray for the work of Christian Aid throughout all the world and for all those who will be collecting during the week and give generously.



christianaidthanks.org.uk - thanks

Help for the Mission Group please. We need your help to see what our next initiatives should be. Take a card from the back of the Church and let Andrew know the Mission 'Dreams to Dream': the 'Stories to Share' and/or 'the Barriers to Break' A one line on the card is fine. It will give us a new focus for the group's work - Andrew Gilborn

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

- Monday 11th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
- Tuesday 12th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)
- Wednesday 13th**
9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)
5:30pm Music Dept Meet (20 Hodwell)
8:00pm Home Group ()
8:00pm Youth worker meeting (Rectory)
- Thursday 14th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
7:00pm A Night with Ashwell Stage School (St Mary's)
8:00pm-9:00pm Bellingring Practice (St Mary's)
- Friday 15th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
9:30am ChurchWardens Meet (Rectory)
2:30pm-3:00pm Toddler Praise (St Mary's)
7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
8:15pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
- Saturday 16th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT

John 15.1-8

10 May, 2009 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalms

Psalms 22.25-31

- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
- ±26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

30 He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him; ♦
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

±31 They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn, ♦
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Second Reading

1 John 4.7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**