

Sunday 20 May 2018

Pentecost

10.30am Celebrating Communion

Preacher: William Mounsey

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

Notices

Altar Panel Group

The next meeting of the group will be on Monday 14 May, at 7.35 pm, in the downstairs meeting room at St Martin's.

Ladies' Tea Party 2018 Saturday 26th May, 3pm – 5pm.

The hostesses this year are Mrs Liz Moir, Kate Campbell, Penny Allen, Lynne Dailly, Liz Moir and Diane Fairlie-Clarke. If any lady would like to attend please get in touch with Liz Moir (Mrs) to be allocated a table. The cost is again £12.50 per person. As usual, there will be a raffle and Liz Moir (Mrs) will be grateful to receive anything suitable.

A Celebration

All members of the congregation are cordially invited to a celebration of the completion of the refurbishment of St Martin's Community Resource Centre on Friday 25 May, 7pm-9pm. Drinks and nibbles will be served. We look forward to welcoming John Conway back to mark the completion of the Transformation Project. Please sign the sheet on the table at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday 13 May 2018

Preacher: Sarah Kilbey

President: David Warnes



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

read by Felicity Murdanaigum

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

Epistle: 1 John 5: 9-13

read by Felicity Murdanaigum

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.

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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 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.

Gospel: John 17:6-19

read by Frank Alexander

Jesus prayed: "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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

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. While 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. 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. 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. I am not asking you to take them out of

the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

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

The vacancy

Interviews take place tomorrow (Monday 14 May) and Vestry will meet at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15th May, to hear a report from the interview panel (George South, Kate Campbell, Peter Moir and Elizabeth South) and to consider their recommendations.

Please keep all involved in the process in your prayers. We owe those applying a duty of confidentiality. If an appointment is made the news will be simultaneously announced, after an interval, both to the congregation at St Martin's and to the congregation of the charge where the person appointed is currently serving.

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