

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*A warm welcome to our worship services today.*

*If you are new or visiting today, please make yourselves known to the clergy, churchwardens or sides people.*

**SERVICES TODAY:**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am All-Age Family Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion

**10am Service**

**Reader:** Fiona Macvie **Intercessor:** Clergy

**Hymns:** 336, see song sheet for next two hymns & 709

**The Listening & Prayer Team are available after the 10am Service**

**6.30pm Holy Communion**

**Reader:** Carole Taylor **Reading:** Acts 10.44-end

**Hymns:** 12, 461, 408 & 249

**INTRODUCTION**

*Jesus expands his theme of 'abiding' – remaining continually – in God's love. Abiding follows keeping his commandment: that we love one another as he loves us. He explains that the greatest expression of love is that which lays down life for a friend. The evangelist, writing after the death and resurrection of Jesus, lets this passage resonate with what readers know, through the cross, of the depth of God's sacrificial love for the world. As disciples today, whether or not we are called to lay down our lives, the commandment to love and abide holds for us too.*

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For those in need of our prayers:** Jill & Simon Yarwood, Penny Rayner, Daphne Lowther, Dorothy Unitt, Peter, Ruth, The Henbest family, Luke, Michelle, Mia & Reece, Sarah Edwards, Geoff McLoghry, Melinda, Denise Kelly, Kate Snowden, John Livingston, Paul Woolner, Ann Kinchin & Pat Wade.

**For those who have recently died:** Sheila Godfrey.

**Year's Mind:** Mike Smith.

**Please pray for the residents of:** Ludford Close, Mallard Close, Masons Road, Masons Way & Meadow Close.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Holy Communion :** Tuesday at 7.30pm & Thursday at 10am.

**Ascension Day Service :** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

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**Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 : Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**NOTICES**

**The Charity Giving next week will be for Christian Aid.**

**Thursday Lunch:** 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Ascension Day Service :** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

**Coffee mornings :** Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12 noon.

Please note the next Fairtrade Stall will be on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** in the hall after the 10am service as the following week is the APCM.

**The Romans Course** is a ten-session programme from The Bible Society which helps you explore Paul's letter to the Romans - arguably the most important single letter ever written and one that has changed countless lives, from St. Augustine to Martin Luther, John Wesley and David Suchet! Each session includes a video talk by Dr. Andrew Ollerton as well as discussion of the relevant passages of Romans. It will be both exciting and challenging, tackling the big themes found in the book of Romans which are key to understanding the Christian faith and growing in relationship with God through Jesus our Lord. The Wednesday afternoon Bible Group will be starting The Romans Course on 15<sup>th</sup> May and we'd love you to join us. Contact Nick or Alex Cutler nickcutler59@gmail.com

**Prayer Shawl Meeting :** Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2pm at 2 Bell lane.

**Atrium Café :** Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Annual Parish Church Meeting :** Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May after the 10am service.

**Contemplative Prayer Group :** Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm.

**Chocolate BINGO!**– Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm, raising funds for Church. Tickets: Adults £10, Under 16s £2.50. Includes bingo card, chocolate counters, hot dog, chocolate dessert. Tickets available at church coffee mornings, after 10am service or by calling 07921 774404. Booking essential. More details in May Searchlight.

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**Bank Holiday Mondays : 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May – office closed.**

**Revd Craig on Retreat : 25<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June**

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