

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously towards the farewell gifts for Fr Paul and Judy which were presented following his final service with us on Sunday 24 April. The service was live-streamed on our Facebook page and the recording may be [found here](#).

There will now be a period of vacancy as we await the appointment of a new priest. During this time, we hope to continue our usual pattern of Sung Eucharists on Sunday mornings as much as possible and we are grateful to all priests who will be helping us in this way. Please support them in their ministry to us.

Celebrants & Preachers for 9.30am Sung Eucharists in May

Please note that there will be no online services on Saturday evenings

Sunday 1 May: Third Sunday of Easter

Canon Chris Barber

Sunday 8 May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Canon James Reveley

Sunday 15 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Revd Mike Banyard

Sunday 22 May: Sunday next before the Ascension

The Revd Jenny Gage

Thursday 26 May: The Ascension of our Lord

NO service at St Peter's

You are invited to join with services at the Cathedral

Sunday 29 May: Sunday after the Ascension

Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite

CONTACT DETAILS DURING THE VACANCY

For general information and enquiries or pastoral needs, please contact one of the Chapel Wardens in the first instance by email to office@elystpeterschurch.co.uk or by phone to Janet 01353 665047. Please be assured that any enquiry of a pastoral nature will be treated in the strictest confidence and passed on to a member of the clergy as appropriate.

Janet Fairweather & Susan Sims

Any Safeguarding issues or concerns should be sent directly to our Safeguarding Officer.

Rob Henderson safeguarding@elystpeterschurch.co.uk

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please check our website www.elystpeterschurch.co.uk and Facebook pages www.facebook.com/elystpeters/ for the most up-to-date information.

FUNERAL OF CANON LAURIE BLANCHARD *Tuesday 19 April*

Laurie's funeral service was live-streamed on our Facebook page and the recording may be found [via this link](#).

CHRISTIAN AID PLANT SALE

Saturday 14 May in the morning *in the forecourt of the Cathedral Centre*

After a two-year lapse, it is planned to hold an outdoor Plant Sale for Christian Aid once again. All sorts of plants for the flower and vegetable garden, the shrubbery and for indoors may be offered for sale and practical help with car transport, publicity, clearing up, etc. would be gratefully appreciated.

Please speak to Janet 01353 665047 for more information

DAILY EUCHARISTIC LECTIONARY & COLLECTS FOR MAY

Sunday 1 May: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.1-6 [7-20] John 21.1-19

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

M 2 Philip & James, Apostles *(transferred from 1 May)*

Ephesians 1.3-10 John 14.1-14

T 3 Acts 7.51-8.1a John 6.30-35

W 4 Acts 8.1b-8 John 6.35-40

Th 5 Acts 8.26-end John 6.44-51

F 6 Acts 9.1-20 John 6.52-59

S 7 Acts 9.31-42 John 6.60-69

Sunday 8 May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9-36-end John 22-30

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above where he liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

M 9 Acts 11.1-18; John 10.1-10

T 10 Acts 11.19-26 John 10.22-30

W 11 Acts 12.24-13.5 John 12.44-end

Th 12 Acts 13.13-25 John 13.16-20

F 13 Acts 13.26-33 John 14.1-6

S 14 Matthias, Apostle

1 Corinthians 4. 1-7 John 15.9-17

Sunday 15 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11.1-18 John 13.31-35

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desired, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

M 16 Acts 14.5-28 John 14.21-26

T 17 Acts 14. 19-end John 14.27-end

W 18 Acts 15.1-6 John 15.1-8

Th 19 Acts 15.7-21 John 15.9-11

F 20 Acts 15.22-31 John 15.12-17

S 21 Acts 16.1-10 John 15.18-21

Sunday 22 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.9-15 John 14.23-29

God our redeemer, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son: grant that, as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

M 23 Acts 16.11-15 John 15.26-16.4

T 24 Acts 16.22-34 John 16.5-11

W 25 Acts 17.15-18.1 John 16.12-15

Thursday 26 May: The Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-end

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend and with him continually dwell who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

F 27 Acts 18.9-18 John 16.20-23

S 28 Acts 18.22-end John 16.23-28

Sunday 29 May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.16-34 John 17.20-end

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech, leave us not comfortless but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Jesus Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

M 30 Acts 19.1-8 John 16.29-end

Tuesday 31 May: Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Romans 12.9-16 Luke 1.39-49 [50-56] Almighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour, we beseech thee, on thy lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify thy holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.