



Diary May 2021

SUNDAY 2nd THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 9th THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Holy Communion

THURSDAY 13th Ascension Day

This service will be pre-recorded from St James's Church

SUNDAY 16th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 23rd DAY OF PENTECOST

10.30am Holy Communion

(This service will also be live streamed)

MONDAY 24th Annual Parochial Church Meeting and AGM 7.00pm in Church.

SUNDAY 30th TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing

5th Sunday of Easter Reflection with Sister Heather Frances Crane, OHP
Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video.

Find the video here at vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Prayers of intercession

Abiding God, we lift our world to you, holding in our hearts places where lives are crushed by injustice, torn up by conflict, trampled by the greed of others.

May justice germinate and righteousness ripen. That all may know your abundant love.

Let us lift our prayers for the world to God. [Silence]

Re-root us in you

That your kingdom may grow through us.

Nurturing God, we pray for our communities, holding in our hearts places where isolation has laid waste, deprivation has parched, dreams have withered.

Flow afresh through these places, that all may know Your promise of fullness.

Let us lift our prayers for our communities to God. [Silence]

Re-root us in you

That your kingdom may grow through us.

Life-giving God, we pray for our Church where apathy diseases: Plant in us a dis-ease with all that stifles Your Spirit. Where lack of vision is causing your people to perish: Graft us into Your limitless love. Where weariness withers: Revive us with the Light of Jesus.

Let us lift our prayers for the Church to God. [Silence]

Re-root us in you

That your kingdom may grow through us.

We pray for ourselves and the concerns of our hearts, let us lift our prayers for ourselves to God in the stillness. [Silence]

Prune us to be ready to respond to You. Re-wild us with Your ever-flowing grace. Graft us to You, that we may bear much fruit.

Re-root us in you

That your kingdom may grow through us. Amen

May each tree you see this week be a reminder of the connection you have with the Creator of that tree. May each piece of fruit you eat be a reminder of the goodness of the Spirit of God nurturing you. Go in peace to bear fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

Prayer for the 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Acts of the Apostles 8: 26—40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² 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.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.

St John 15: 1—8

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

You may like to look at the other readings set for today:

Psalm 22: 25—31

New Testament 1 John 4: 7—21



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and AGM

will take place on Monday 24th
May at 7.00pm. Please book
the date of this meeting in your
diary now. Hopefully the meet-
ing will take place in church.

Forms for the nomination of
PCC members and Church
Wardens will be available in
Church next Sunday.

