



The Sunday Sheet

The 7th Sunday of Easter

12th May 2024

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the **Parish Eucharist**.
An induction loop is provided.*

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

Entrance Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia!*
to his throne above the skies, *Alleluia!*
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia!*
Enters now the highest heaven, *Alleluia!*

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.

See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his Church below.

Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 & Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823
Tune: Llanfair

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and call the people to penitence.

Silence is kept

For the times when we have let our attention wander.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the times when we have just gone through the motion in our faith.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

For the times when we have worshipped false idols.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,

✠ forgive you and set you free from sin,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given:

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:

In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Tune: Camberwell

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) 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 throughout 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.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please Stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Now he is risen, the Christ.
Out of the tomb he is risen;
he has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981
Christopher Walker b.1947
Tune: Celtic Alleluia*

John 17. 6-19

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please Sit

An Affirmation of the Faith.

Please Stand

Let us affirm the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
through which we are saved
and which we hand on to others.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

**and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

The Intercession

Please Sit

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please Stand

As fellow disciples we turn to one another with a message of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia! Alleluia!
And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead'
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
risen, ascended, glorified.

George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925
Tune: St Helen

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who after his resurrection
showed himself to his apostles
and in their sight ascended into glory
to prepare a place for us,
that where he is, we might be also.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.**

**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ;
because on the night he was betrayed he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that we may be filled with your life and goodness
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Please Sit

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The priest breaks the bread
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.

If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.

Hymn at the end of Communion

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King:
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Sing through twice
Darlene Zschech b.1965

Silence is kept

The Sending Out

Please Stand

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts that you may serve him and
reign with him in glory. And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Final Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

*Michael Seward b.1932
Tune: Guiting Power*

Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Bibles for School. Again we are planning to give a Bible to all those leaving Year 6 at Ysgol Esgob Morgan. If you would like to give a donation towards this please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes.

Christian Aid. There is a plate on the table at the back of the Church to receive donations towards the work of Christian Aid. The plate will be there until 19th May which is the end of Christian Aid Week.

Pentecost. Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, one of the major feast days of the Church year when we conclude our celebration of the Easter Season. A warm welcome is extended to all. Try inviting someone along to church that day.

Mothers Union. The next meeting of the MU takes place on Wednesday 15th May at 2pm, when The Ven. John Thelwell will be giving a talk on Mary Sumner. All are welcome!

Walsingham Day. This is to take place on Saturday 1st June: 11am Walsingham Mass; 12.30pm Lunch; 1.30pm Sprinkling and Healing Liturgy. All those who have been to Walsingham on pilgrimage have been invited but everyone is welcome. If you would like to come please let Fr Rex know as we need approximate numbers for catering.

Dates for 2024. The following events have been arranged for the coming months:

7th June 7pm Cheese and Wine Evening, exploring Welsh Cheeses. No charge but donations are welcome.

6th July 10am to 1pm Coffee Morning

12th to 16th August Messy Church Holiday Club

12th September Food4Thought Lunches start again

10th October Food4Thought Lunch which will also be a Harvest Lunch

13th October Harvest Festival

14th December 10am to 1pm Christmas Coffee Morning

The Week Ahead

13th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

14th Tuesday – Matthias, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

15th Wednesday – Edmwnd Prys & John Davies

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
12noon SCP Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
2pm Mothers Union *at the Parish Church*
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

16th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Singing Group *at the Parish Church*

17th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)
6pm Choral Evensong

18th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

19th Sunday – The Day of PENTECOST

9.30am All-Age/Family Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's Cefn*
11am Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Diocesan Confirmation Eucharist

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Today's Readings

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26

About 120 of Jesus' followers are gathered. Peter stands up and reminds them that Jesus had fulfilled the scriptures, and that Judas had been part of it. They must find a replacement for Judas. So they pray for guidance before casting lots and Matthias is chosen.

Psalm 1

1 John 5. 9-13

The testimony of God – that God gave us eternal life in his son – is greater than any human testimony.

John 17. 6-19

Sometimes known as 'the prayer of the high priest', this is Jesus' beautiful and touching intercession on behalf of his disciples, in which he asks God to protect them when he can no longer be with them.

