



St Peter's Church, Westhampnett

14th May 2023 : Easter 6

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The church is open daily from 9am to 4pm

Sunday 14th May

9.45am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 18th May

Ascension Day

6pm Eucharist - joint service
with St Paul's

Sunday 21st May

8.00am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 28th May

9.45am Parish Eucharist
— Healing Eucharist

Sunday 4th June

8.00am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Eucharist —
Family Service followed by
farewell drinks for our
organist Benjamin and the
drawing of the Raffle

Wednesday 7th June

10.00am Village Eucharist
followed by coffee morning.

Stewardship : Do please prayerfully consider your giving to the church. A card reader is available in church if you would like to donate by debit or credit card.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1: 6-14

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

John 17: 1-11

Hymns

- 100 Come, ye faithful
186 Great is thy faithfulness
314 Lord of beauty
15 All my hope on God is founded

Music during today's service:

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Melody by Orlando Gibbons", Healey Willan

During Communion: Fancy No. 2 in A minor, Noel Ponsonby

Recessional: Menuet Gothique, Leon Boelmann

Organist: Benjamin Irving Capel

Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being";

as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Psalm 66.7-18

Response: **All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **R**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. **R**

If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me,

But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R**

I Peter 3: 13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows

him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Celebrating Christian Aid

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has provided practical support to our global neighbours, of all faiths and none, with the aim of everyone being able to live a life free from poverty.

The Chapter of Chichester Cathedral invite you to **Evensong** to celebrate the ministry of Christian Aid with speaker Ramani Leathard, Head of Asia for Christian Aid **Tuesday 16th May 2023, 5.30pm** Chichester Cathedral PO19 1PX

Also, please support members of the Cathedral community and other Chichester churches who are seeking to raise funds and awareness for the vital ministry of Christian Aid on Saturday 20th May, 10am–4pm (as part of Christian Aid week, 14 – 20th May) on the Cathedral Green, near to Chichester's Market Cross.

Ascension Day Thursday 18th May, 6pm

We will be holding a celebratory Eucharist here at St Peter's Westhampnett. This is a joint service with our brothers and sisters from St Paul's Chichester. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is most welcome.

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