



8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Passcode **834900**

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Passcode: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-call or communicate with one another.

Collect for The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 1

Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. **[R]**

Like a tree planted by streams of water

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **[R]**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **[R]**

Christ our wisdom, give us delight in your law, that we may bear fruits of patience and peace in the kingdom of the righteous; for your mercy's sake. Amen.

Gospel for The Seventh Sunday of Easter, John 17. 6-19

'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.'

An anthem for today: *O Rex Glorae*, Luca Marenzio (c. 1553-1599)

If you enjoyed the anthem at our Ascension Day service, you might like to hear it again with [this version](#) by the Gentlemen of the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge.

Our Children & Young People – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet on Sunday, do explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page: have you seen the brand new video with a fabulous worship song: Oh Wow! (Awesome God) – from *Cheeky Pandas*, who feature at the ever-popular Christian Festival Spring Harvest? There's also a link to a **fun-filled 11 part TV series for kids** made in collaboration with those *Pandas*!

- There's a [printable sheet](#) which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.
- In these 50 days when we celebrate Easter, we remember some of the things Jesus said and did; so you might like to share in this week's **Godly Story**, 'The Story of the Ascension'. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's [here](#).
- **Tiny Tots** is back, in a new and exciting way: see other page for details.



Newsletter and Notices

From Monday 17th May, we no longer need to steward church opening times, so we are delighted to be able to open the church for extended hours.

The church will be open each day from personal prayer from early morning to late afternoon every day. Appropriate Covid precautions will still be in place.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Piano music is played on Fridays 12-12.30pm.

Light up the world with prayer, 13th-23rd May – Join in with the global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' which invites Christians around the world to pray, in the period between Ascension and Pentecost, that more people will come to know God's love for them through Jesus Christ. There are many resources on the national website [here](#) and we'll be sharing on our social media pages short daily prayers by leaders from different traditions within Churches Together in Herts / Beds.

Prayers for our Community in Church and via Zoom, Saturday 15th May 9:30am
A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358 / Code 435609). All welcome.

Christian Aid Week – This year Christian Aid is focusing on the climate crisis: raising funds to help families struggling in drought conditions, to access sufficient water to survive and thrive. We've distributed 'Delivery Only' envelopes to highlight the campaign, encouraging people to donate online/by phone. **A Red Bucket will also be in church at the 10am Sunday service this Sunday 16th May.** Please [see our website](#) for more details on how to donate, and for the *Song of the Prophets: A Requiem for the Climate* (9th June) Thank you.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 19th May, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 19th May, 11 for 11:15am – Following the success of our recent launch we're delighted to be meeting each week once again - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Social distancing measures and Covid precautions will be in place. We are also delighted to be able to offer refreshments before and after the service from this week.

Service for Pentecost, Sunday 23rd May at 10am – All are warmly invited to come and share with us in person our special Service of the Word for Pentecost, filled with music and praise. The service will also be broadcast via Zoom.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.



Sunday 16th May 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

APCM, 23rd May after 10am service – We invite nominations for PCC members and Churchwarden elections, please note that the nomination forms are in church and completed forms should go to Christine Solway, via the Parish Office. The APCM documentation is published on the website from the [PCC page](#). Please note that the finance documents have now been added.

Holiday Bible Week 2021 'Eyewitness', 2nd-6th August – The committee continues to meet online to pray and plan for HBW 2021. We are sad that we cannot hold HBW in person this year for all the safety of all involved. HOWEVER - we are feeling **very hopeful** as plan for an online virtual HBW with entertaining games, crafts, songs and teaching for children of our town! Keep your eyes peeled for the registration forms!

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

Notes from Open Forum to discuss music and worship – The notes from the recent forum are available [on our website's Music Page](#). We hope a subsequent step soon will be face-to-face discussion, but it was good to start talking. One outcome we're hoping for is the recommencement (and re-imagining) of the Director of Music appointment process.

CSG Red Bucket Appeal for St Vincent volcano eruption – The Diocese of the Windward Islands (where St Vincent is situated) has been our companion diocese for over 20 years. Bishop Alan has sent a request to churches for prayers and donations, "There are many needs associated with the impact of the eruption on the island including the displacement 20,000 people. Many of these are in emergency shelters, some of which are provided by the Diocese. There will be substantial needs for rebuilding and renewal in the months and years to come".

The red bucket will be in church on 23rd May. For donation by bank transfer rather than cash/cheque (to St Michael's PCC Missions) [click here](#).

Bellringing – We are delighted that bellringing is permitted to resume, obviously with continued precautions. Bells will be rung for our 10am Sunday services and ringing practice returns on Thursday evenings, albeit with shorter hours for now.

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