

# ST MARY, WINGFIELD

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## 28 APRIL 2024 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Welcome to our Service today  
And welcome if you are reading this at home**

### **HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

- 259** – Jerusalem the Golden
- 56** – Be Thou my vision
- 548** – When I needed a neighbour
- 6** – Abide with me

## THE COLLECT

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.**

## PSALM 22. 25-31

**25** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

**26** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

**27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**28** For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

**29** How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

**30** He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

**31** They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

## FIRST READING

### Acts 8. 26-40

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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

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

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **John 15. 1-8**

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

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*Wednesday* to Netty on: [beneficeoffice@htboa.org](mailto:beneficeoffice@htboa.org)

**BENEFICE CONFIRMATION** - This will take place on 1 September at Holy Trinity at 9.30am. Please let Sarah or Robert know if you or someone you know is interested. Preparation meetings will be arranged to suit the timetables of the participants.

**THE CLOSE SHAVES** – Saturday, 1 June @ 7pm, St Mary's, Wingfield. 'From Tallis to the Beatles'. The barbershop octet has been performing for over 30 years with a wide repertoire of music. Tickets £15 which includes an interval drink. To book please contact David Robinson via email [david.robinson@paultonstreet.com](mailto:david.robinson@paultonstreet.com) or mobile 07788755607. All proceeds in aid of St Mary's Wingfield.

**THY KINGDOM COME** - 10-19 May. The nine days that follow the Ascension are sometimes known as a *novena*. They are observed by Christians across the world as a time of waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Together we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Please see the new leaflet and free booklet you are given today



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12-18 MAY.** In the Round service on 12 May will be a Christian Aid service, focusing on the fight against global poverty. We pray for the coming of God's kingdom in justice, love and peace. Further information available in church and online.

**COMPLINE IN THE SAXON CHURCH** - 8pm on 29 May, 26 June, 31 July, 28 August, 25 September

### THIS WEEK @ HT

**MAINLY MUSIC** – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come).

**SAXON CLUB** – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'. Jonquil talks about Iona.

**TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT** – Thursday, @ 10.45am. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

**CONTEMPLATIVE HOUR @ ST MARY TORY** – Thursday @ 6pm

**MORNING PRAYER** will be said at 8.30am on Wednesday only.

### FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

**ASCENSION DAY 9 MAY** - There will be a Benefice Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day at 6.30pm

**GREEN MAN FESTIVAL** – Sunday 11 May. A vibrant, family-friendly community gathering throughout the town centre from 9.30am-5.30pm.

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially:** Wendy Fuller, Roger Hutchings & Deb Pazikel.

**Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died. Please *always* let Sarah know of any pastoral need – any kind of pain or loss, illness, hospitalisation, loneliness – or simply cause for prayer.**

**BENEFICE PRAYER DURING THE VACANCY** - Heavenly Father, hear our prayer for our churches in Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield at this time of Vacancy. Guide us in our deliberations and decisions as we look to the future. May we reach out to the community around us, spreading your message of love, care, hope and forgiveness to all generations. May your Holy Spirit be with us in all our endeavours and may our worship always glorify your name through Jesus Christ, your Son our Saviour. Amen

### FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Global peace
- Leaders in the Benefice
- Families and relationships
- Teachings of Jesus and His disciples
- Those in care homes and nursing homes
- Our youth and future generations

### **NEXT WEEK – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**9.30am** – Benefice Eucharist with Bishop Andrew

### **Readings**

Acts 10. 44-48  
John 15. 9-17