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21 APRIL 2024 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am Mattins

206 – He's got the whole world, in his hands
484 – The King of love my shepherd is
220 – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
354 – Now thank we all our God

NEXT WEEK – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.15am – Morning Prayer

Readings

Acts 8. 26-40

John 15. 1-8

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4. 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of

Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

GOSPEL READING

John 10. 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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NOTICES FOR WEEKLY

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR

ANN HILL – Tuesday, 7 May @ 2.15pm.

VEN DR SUE GROOM'S LEAVING SERVICE

– If anyone would like to go to Sue's leaving service on Sunday, 5 May @ 6pm in St John & St Mary's Church, Devizes please contact Netty for more information. Places are limited and the deadline is 22nd April.

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

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.

THY KINGDOM COME - Thy



Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the

world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, it has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Between Ascension and Pentecost we will be thinking about this - more information soon.

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'. Theme: Story of London's Underground

TOWN COUNCIL TWINNING CONCERT – Saturday, 27 April @ 5pm. Local choirs, Wiltshire Wailers, Tow Path Singers and West Wiltshire Young Singers will be joined by St Laurence School's Random Band to celebrate the twin town link. Free event – seats allocated on first come, first served basis.

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

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT



TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday, 2 May @ 10.45am. May's programme is a collection of beautiful music by English composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, among them Charles Villiers Stanford, Rebecca Clark, Ernest Austin and Dora Bright. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

CONTEMPLATIVE HOUR @ ST MARY TORY – Thursday, 2 May @ 6pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Betty & Doug Hancock & Joan Windel

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: Ann Hill

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

- All newly baptised
- Those preparing for confirmation
- The Sudan
- Churchwardens and PCC members in the benefice
- Our armed forces
- Serving police officers