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**THE FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

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

9.30am Sung Eucharist

HYMNS & MUSIC

137 – Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven
87 omit vv 2&5 – Hail to the Lord's anointed
516 – Loves divine, all loves excelling
534 – O for a thousand tongues to sing

Organ Music: Before the service: Introduction, Theme and Lament (Pokarekare Ana Suite) – *Martin Setchell*; Romance in B flat – *William McKie*; Elegy – *George Thalben Ball*

Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day and in my part of Wiltshire it is a significant day of remembrance. In Codford, the meticulously kept Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery contains the graves of 97 Australian and New Zealand soldiers who gave their lives in WW1. Altogether, 636 Australian soldiers are buried in Wiltshire. Martin Setchell studied in Bath and remembers it well, but has made his career in university teaching and organ playing in New Zealand. Pokarekare Ana is a love song from 1914, popular with Maori soldiers who trained in Auckland before embarking for war in Europe. Sir William McKie was born in Australia. After initial study in Melbourne he won a scholarship to the Royal College and Music. He became Organist and Master of the Choristers of Westminster Abbey in 1941 and was in charge of the music at the wedding and then the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Our own, David Driscoll sang under him on this occasion! George Thalben Ball was born in Sydney and was something of a child prodigy, coming to study at the RCM at the age of just 14. He spent his entire career in England, holding the post of Organist at London's Temple Church for 60 years. Legend has it that he improvised his Elegy at the end of a Choral Evensong broadcast by the BBC which would otherwise have ended too early. So many listeners telephoned the BBC enquiring about the music that GTB wrote it down. It has been much loved ever since it was first heard and then published in 1944.

At the Communion: Wine of peace – Charles Camilieri; Prelude on 'Bread of Heaven' – *Simon Lole*

Voluntary: Postlude in D – *George Dyson*

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.**

FIRST READING

Acts 8. 26-40

The next day their rulers, elders, and 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.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS – these are available for those who need them. Please let the welcomers know when you arrive and inform the priest when you come to receive Communion

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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 - 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.

SUNDAY COFFEE HELPERS - As several of our loyal helpers are no longer able to help with serving coffee, new 'occasional' helpers would be so welcome.

The Hospitality team plan for one member of the team to be on duty each week so no 'equipment' experience is necessary. Please contact Joan Finch to find out more.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2024 - This is open for revision. The last date names can be added is Sunday 5th May. The 2023 roll is available for checking on the welcome

desk and I should be grateful for your help in updating it. Please alert me to any necessary changes. Please complete a registration form if you wish to be included on the roll, and hand it to me, to one of the stewards, or post it in the church letterbox on the small north gate. Electronic forms are available via the church office (beneficeoffice@htboa.org). There is no need to re-register if you are already on the roll. If you have moved since April last year, it would be helpful if you could please record your new address on a registration form. Thank you. Julia Steward, Electoral Roll Officer julia@jhsteward.com

CHURCHYARD NEWS

SNOWDROPS - Something to look forward to.... Thank you to Bishop Robert for donating a vast number of snowdrops and to Jane Jones who convened a team to plant them in swathes that we hope to enjoy next spring and for many years to come. Thank you all very much.

YEW - During the recent high winds, a long but not significant branch was shed by one of our yew trees. It was cleared by David Gladden, a wood turner who has shops (Timber Treasures) in Bath and Salisbury; who also made a donation. After a period of drying out, David will turn the wood into delightful items for sale in his shops. Each item will bear (underneath) a note of its provenance.

PCC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2024

Please look to these HT folk in future with any needs, observations, requests, questions, issues etc

Fabric – Clive Adamson - clive.adamson@me.com

Churchyard – Peter Yarker - pfyarker@gmail.com

Mechanical & electrical – Tony Bruun - tandjbruun@talktalk.net

'Housekeeping' (looking after everything inside – including the PAYAZ machine) – Julia Steward - julia@jhsteward.com

Worship, Sacristy & Music – Sarah, Martin & Mavis Linstrum - mavislinstrum@icloud.com

'Outward facing' – (benefice, deanery, diocese, Town Council, BACT etc) – Peter Y & Tony B

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 or mobile 07788755607. All proceeds in aid of St Mary's Wingfield.

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, 2 May @ 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 - Thursday 9 May
Benefice Sung Eucharist at 6.30pm at Holy Trinity

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: Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, Janet Emerson, Mollie Goodson, Anne Harris, Jim Hill, Sunil Kashyap, Alice Moody, Angela Onions, Geneviève Roberts, Ken Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Mary Worgan

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: Carole Oakeman

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially: Len Dawson.

Please let Sarah know of any pastoral need – 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

6pm - Evensong

Readings

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