



St. Michael's Bulletin

Caring Community

Rooted in God

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2021

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<https://www.stmichaelschurchwaddington.org.uk/docs%20for%20links/Bulletin.pdf>

Please Note

I am on holiday for 2 weeks, so I have given you 3 weeks' worth of zoom details, and 2 Bulletins.

Try and remember not to delete this at the end of the first week – or you'll be in the dark for the second week!

Also note that St Faith's have moved the time of their communion service to 9.30am, so if you wish to join them, you may need to adjust your alarm clock!!

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Please phone Derek on 722752 or email derek.wood478@gmail.com

Services This Week

• To attend Zoom services and events, click the link provided or go to www.zoom.com and click 'Join meeting', then enter the Meeting ID and, if necessary, the Passcode. You do not need to create a login. A detailed guide for joining Zoom using your landline or mobile phone is at the end of this newsletter.

Online Eucharist with St Faith's - Sun 2nd May • 9.30 am •

Online and by phone

On the first Sunday of the month we join with St Faith's Church in Lincoln for their Zoom communion service at 9.30 am. N.B. the liturgy is not shown on screen, so you may want to download (and print) the service sheet.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83781969288?pwd=bmVZTC9HVVFJiM0FKb0dlQzNUcitKUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8196 9288

Passcode: 640611

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Passcode: 640611

Evening Prayer Sun 2nd May at 6.00pm

In Church.

Led by Tricia Reid with liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer

Other Meetings This Week

Interregnum Planning Group - Mon 3rd May • 1.30 pm •

Click for the IPG meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94101153420?pwd=M1o0enVMVTRmaCszVk9PemdJcm52Zz09>

Prayer Wave – Wed 5th May• 9.30 am •

Join us as we pray together for our community and the wider world.

Meeting ID: 935 2280 0782 | Passcode: PW1228 | Join by phone passcode: 780871

Click for Prayer Wave: [https://zoom.us/j/93522800782?](https://zoom.us/j/93522800782?pwd=ZytEOUp3Z2d5ZmpZdkE1QXNMcGg2QT09)

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Funeral of Claire Morrison Thursday 6th May at 1.50pm

In the Crematorium

You will be able to join the webcast service on-line – Joining instructions (webcast_instructions.pdf) accompany this Bulletin. Read them first, then you can go to the web-site:

www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view

and login to the service using:

Login - 92741

Password – ncntwmmq

The service will also be available to view for some days afterwards.

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Dates for next week

Morning Worship - Sun 9th May • 10.00 am

Online and by phone

Meeting ID: 985 1979 2318 | Passcode: 1228 | Join by phone passcode: 1228

Click for Sunday morning's service on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/98519792318?](https://zoom.us/j/98519792318?pwd=MVY4Um1UczdHZ1VmeHBXcUJNQg1dz09)

[pwd=MVY4Um1UczdHZ1VmeHBXcUJNQg1dz09](https://zoom.us/j/98519792318?pwd=MVY4Um1UczdHZ1VmeHBXcUJNQg1dz09)

Evening Prayer - Sun 9th May • 6.00 pm.

In Church

Led by Jim Barling with liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer

Other meetings

Interregnum Planning Group - Mon 10th May • 1.30 pm •

Click for the IPG meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94101153420?pwd=M1o0enVMVTRmaCszVk9PemdJcm52Zz09>

PCC Meeting - Tues 11th May • 1.30 pm •

Meeting ID: 939 0521 4405 | Passcode: PCC1228 | Join by phone passcode: 3920475

Click for the PCC meeting on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93905214405?pwd=TThudEpPNS9xMWO0QlZQRy9OdHBUZz09>

Prayer Wave – Wed 12th May 9.30 am

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Click for Prayer Wave: <https://zoom.us/j/93522800782?pwd=ZytEOUp3Z2d5ZmpZdkE1QXNMcGg2QT09>

Joyful Singers Community Choir - Thurs 13th May • 6.00 pm •

Click for Joyful Singers: <https://zoom.us/j/94079791566?pwd=ZjZkbm5RQTRCQTByVm9La2tLYkdmQT09>

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Future dates for your diary

Parish Communion - Sun 16th May • 10.00 am •

In Church

Preacher: Rev'd Rachel Beck

Please book a place with the Churchwarden,

Jim Barling on 07979 430 593 or email templars1356@gmail.com

Evening Prayer - Sun 16th May • 6.00 pm.

Via Zoom

Led by Mick Duffield with liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer

Meeting ID: 985 1979 2318 | Passcode - online and by phone:1228

Click for Early Evening Prayer on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98519792318?pwd=MVY4Um1UczdHZ1VmeHBXcUJNQg1dz09>

Other meetings

Interregnum Planning Group - Mon 17th May • 1.30 pm •

Click for the IPG meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94101153420?pwd=M1o0enVMVTRmaCszVk9PemdJcm52Zz09>

Prayer Wave – Wed 19th May 9.30 am

Join us as we pray together for our community and the wider world.

Meeting ID: 935 2280 0782 | Passcode: PW1228 | Join by phone passcode: 780871

Click for Prayer Wave: <https://zoom.us/j/93522800782?pwd=ZytEOUp3Z2d5ZmpZdkE1QXNMcGg2QT09>

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Sunday 23rd May after Morning Worship, 11.00am approx
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and election of Churchwardens and PCC.

Please consider what you can offer to the running of *your* Church.

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Joining a Zoom meeting by phone

This is a way to join in if you don't have a computer, tablet or laptop. You won't be able to see people on screen, but you can hear what others are saying and join in with discussions and conversation. Alternatively, join by phone can be used with your computer if you don't have a microphone.

To join a meeting by phone call one of these numbers:

0330 088 5830, 0131 460 1196, 0203 481 5237, 0208 080 6592

- The automated system will welcome you to Zoom and ask you to enter the **Meeting ID** (without spaces) using your keypad and then press the # key when you've finished. For example, for Prayer Wave enter **93522800782#**
- When the system asks for a **Participant ID**, simply press # (The Participant ID always will be #)
- Finally, enter the **Join by phone Passcode** then press # E.g. for Prayer Wave enter **780871#**



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING

Baruch 3.9–15, 32–36; 4.1–4

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear, and learn wisdom! Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be living in peace for ever. Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses? But the one who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. The one who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; the one who sends forth the light, and it goes; he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling; the stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, 'Here we are!' They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him. He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob and to Israel, whom he loved.

She is the book of the commandments of God, the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take her; walk towards the shining of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 8.26–40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward 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

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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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Post Communion

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.



This week's Prayer Diary:

- Sun 2nd Hill Top, Aston Close & Grasmere Drive
- Mon 3rd Maple Close, Grantham Road & The Syding
- Tue 4th Pray for My Fathers House and Revive in Olinda, Brazil
- Wed 5th Vanwall Drive, Fleetwood Road & Belvoir Close
- Thu 6th Brant Road, Chestnut Grove & Far Lane
- Fri 7th Meadowfield Close, Hollywell Road, & Cedar Close
- Sat 8th Viking Close, Mulberry Close & Ashby Close



Some prayers for these troubled times

Keep us, good Lord,
 under the shadow of your mercy
 in this time of uncertainty and distress.
 Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
 and lift up all who are brought low;
 that we may rejoice in your comfort
 knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

God of compassion,
 be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
 In their loneliness, be their consolation;
 in their anxiety, be their hope;
 in their darkness, be their light;
 through him who suffered alone on the cross,
 but reigns with you in glory,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated:

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers:

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the night.
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.
You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.
Today I am feeling because
Help me to remember that you love me
and are with me in everything today. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your gracious help,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Jesus Prayer



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Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.1–11

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

SECOND READING

Acts 10.44–48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’



Post Communion

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- Sat 8th Viking Close, Mulberry Close & Ashby Close
- Sun 9th Staples Lane, Rowan Road & Willoughby Lane
- Mon 10th Manor Lane, Acacia Avenue & Tower Close
- Tue 11th Moxon’s Lane, Almond Crescent & Thorsby Close
- Wed 12th Timm’s Lane, Redwood Drive & Sherwood Drive
- Thu 13th All who live and work at RAF Waddington
- Fri 14th Pears Close, Capp’s Lane & Hawthorn Avenue
- Sat 15th Miller’s Road, Squires Road & High Street



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Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake. Amen.

For those who are ill:

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers:

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Christian community:

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

A prayer at bedtime:

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for and the people of
Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them. Amen.

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