

SUNDAY 18 MAY: EASTER 5

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

There is no evening service today

We welcome The Revd Rachel Rosborough, Vice-Principal of Westcott House, who is leading our services today.

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. **Amen.**

READINGS (*in pew bibles*)

NT Acts 11, 1-18 (p. 139)

Gospel John 13, 31-35 (p. 116)

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord our God, Almighty Father, we come before you with gratitude for your love and guidance. May your presence be with us this week, and grant us strength and wisdom to face whatever challenges may come our way. We pray for peace in our hearts and minds, and for the well-being of our families and loved ones. Bless us with your grace and peace, and help us to be a light in the world, reflecting your love and compassion. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 25 MAY, EASTER 6

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

The Revd Anna Jones, Queens' College Chaplain, will be leading our services.

ADVANCE NOTICE

ASCENSION DAY: THURSDAY 29 MAY

There will be a (said) service of Holy Communion at 10.30am, led by The Revd Sarah Atkins.

CONTACTS

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Revd Mandy is on Sabbatical until the beginning of August. Please email the church office with general enquiries.

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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NOTICES

BAKE SALE FOR CHRISTIAN AID

As we reach the end of Christian Aid Week, it is delightful to report that the Junior Church cake sale has raised £280.11 for the work of Christian Aid. There is a JustGiving page that remains open if anyone else would like to make further contributions to the work of Christian Aid, just search for *Trumpington Junior Church* on the JustGiving website. Thank you to all who baked and shared fellowship as we ate lots of cake!



GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.

Everything helps – thank you!

GET INVOLVED!

Three subgroups have been organised to address three initiatives that the church is keen to support:

Churchyard: our churchyard requires a dedicated group of individuals to assist in enhancing accessibility, promoting wildlife conservation, ensuring safety, and cultivating a welcoming and peaceful environment for all.

Eco Church helps churches care for God's creation through worship, buildings, land, lifestyle, and community action, with award recognition. We have already made a start, so come and join us and see what we can achieve in our journey with Eco Church.

Accessibility: A dedicated group is needed to assess, plan, and initiate changes that ensure our church is truly accessible, welcoming, and inclusive for everyone. *Please contact Stephen Reynolds if you want to get involved: stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk*

BOOK GROUP NEXT MEETS ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE

It is 100 years since *The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald was first published and we will be discussing it on 12 June. All welcome – no invitation needed! For more information please email bookgroup@trumpington.church 'A consummate summary of the 'roaring twenties' and a devastating expose of the 'Jazz Age'. Through the narration of Nick Carraway, the reader is taken into the superficially glittering world of the mansions that lined the Long Island shore in the 1920s, to encounter Nick's cousin Daisy, her husband Tom Buchanan, Jay Gatsby and the mystery that surrounds him.'

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the churchwardens if you would like to join a group (Tuesday evening online or Wednesday evening in person) and they will put you in touch with the group leader.

JUNIOR CHURCH FAMILIES' SUMMER CAMP

4-6 July at the Jarman Centre, Newmarket

Cost: £9 per person per night towards hire of the campsite. Please contact a member of Junior Church team or the church office for more information.

If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9atm Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.

Heather Smith *reflects on*
Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35

Building relationships with people who are very different from us isn't always easy. As humans we seem to be programmed to group ourselves into clans, suspicious of outsiders. The more dissimilar another group's values and behaviours from our own, the harder it becomes.

First-century Jews were different. They believed in only one God and had many strict laws, including diet. There was a reason for this: their distinctive identity was supposed to draw all the nations to the God of Israel. The standards were set high, so others would see them as a shining example and come to know the one, true God.

For Christians, today's reading from Acts shows how it actually came to pass. There is a great deal more to it than a story about eating pork. Peter's vision showed that the good news about Jesus was not just for the Jews. Thankfully, Peter got it. Then, when some non-Jews arrived at the house where he was staying, he understood that they could be welcomed into the new faith.

But being open to everyone was not the end of clans. Anyone can join the Christian clan, but Christians are still expected to have their own values, different from those of others. Jesus explained in John 13: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another... By this everyone will know that you are my disciples". If we demonstrate that love, people will be drawn to God. 🍷

People of the New Testament

The woman at the well (John 4:1-42)

by Caroline Fletcher

We're not even told her name. She is the woman Jesus met at a well in a place known as Sychar. He asked her for a drink and had a deep conversation with her. By studying what they discussed, we can discover a lot about the group of people to which she belonged, known as the Samaritans. These people appear a number of times in the New Testament including, of course, in the story of the Good Samaritan.

Today, Samaritans co-exist peacefully with their Jewish and Palestinian neighbours. Jesus' exchange with their ancient ancestor broke down barriers and challenged xenophobia. Inspired by such actions and moved by his Spirit, Jesus' followers went on to reunite Jew and Samaritan within God's family of the Church. Because of such events, St Paul could declare to Christians of many different ethnic backgrounds: "all of you are one in Christ" (Galatians 3:28). 🍷



Lord, teach me your values, and a willingness to share them joyfully with others, so I may welcome all into the faith. Amen.

LGBTQ+ Church

Part 2 – the challenge

by Jayne Ozanne

How do you create change in large religious institutions? This was the conundrum faced by myself and my friend who had introduced me to Pope Francis in November 2019 – the Argentinian ambassador to Italy and the Holy See, His Excellency Robert Manuel Carles.

The answer came from Pope Francis himself. He challenged the two of us to get as many senior religious leaders from around the world together to make a statement affirming

LGBTQ+ people which he could consider endorsing.

We therefore set about creating the Global Interfaith Commission on LGBTQ+ Lives that would bring together senior religious leaders from around the world who were prepared to speak out on behalf of LGBTQ+ people, specifically calling for an end of violence and criminalisation towards them. This project was supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the first to sign up was the late Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu. 🍷

“If you wish to possess finally all that is yours, give yourself entirely to God.”

Hadewijch of Brabant, thirteenth-century Belgian mystic