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St. George's, Brockworth

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Notices and updates



### Brockworth Food Larder

All donations of long-life food, toiletries and other essentials for the larder can be taken directly to Brockworth Community Centre whenever it is open. Many thanks.

For further information, see Facebook page :

***Brockworth and surrounding area's Food Larder***

### **As we express our joys and concerns to God this week...**

Let us be thankful and pray for those serving our community through their work: our church bell ringers, church flower ladies, church cleaners, brass polishers and those that care for the churchyard and parish cemetery.

Let us pray for the families of our church and the safety and wellbeing of those who are visiting Brockworth; help all of us to share the love you have so generously shared with us.

Let us continue to pray for healing and wholeness in mind, body and spirit for Jean Corless, Mary, Emma, Joy and Bob Curzon.

Let us pray for God's blessings on Helen and Stephen who are to be married next Friday. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all the days of your lives.

Let us pray for the family and friends of Joan Blunt; pray they would know and experience the peace, presence and comfort of Jesus.

### This week's diary

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| 15th | 9.00am<br>10.30am | Communion Worship Service : Church<br>Family Worship Service : Church Centre |
| 16th | 10.00am           | Parent and Toddler Group : Church Centre                                     |
| 18th | 9.45am            | Communion : Church Centre  |
| 19th | 7.30pm            | Bell ringing practice : Church   |
| 20th | 4.00pm            | Wedding : Church   |
| 22nd | 9.00am<br>10.30am | Communion Worship Service : Church<br>Family Worship Service : Church Centre |

**Keep connected with each other and with God.**

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**Sing:** *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*  
[556 O Jesus I have promised](#)

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us ... and we beheld his glory.

**Almighty God,  
To whom all hearts are open,  
All desires known,  
And from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
And worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Gathering our thoughts, we remember and confess:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said;  
The first commandment is this;  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.'  
The second is this, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments  
Hang all the law and the prophets.**

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us and forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

*Take a few moments to sit and think about receiving that unconditional offering of forgiveness through grace.*

### **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.**

**Reading : Acts 11:1-18 (ESV)*****Peter Reports to the Church***

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35 (ESV)*****A New Commandment***

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you

cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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**Sing:** *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*

4 A new commandment

Let us declare our faith with confidence:

**We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:  
for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:  
for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

We pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

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223 Glorious things of Thee are spoken

**Numbers 6:24-26**

May the LORD bless you and protect you.

May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.

Our worship has ended, but our service now begins. Let us go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**