



**Weekly Newsletter for
The Benefice of Evesham, All Saints
with Norton & Lenchwick, St Egwin**



Readings and Notices for
Sunday 15th May 2022
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TODAY

Time	Service/Event	Church/Venue	Details
8.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints	President & Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism	All Saints	President & Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am	Service of Worship	St Egwin's	Led by: Andy Green

Collect

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Increase our love for one another, that both in name and in truth we may be disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, and so reflect by our lives the glory that is yours. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance

I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called

Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’ *Acts 11.1-18*

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To

the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21.1-6

Gospel: St John.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ *John 13.31-35*

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.

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Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 15th May 2022

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Nancy Clifford, Jean Cresswell, Elise Hedges, Eric Holder, Maureen Linehan, Sarah Long, Ian Moreton, Kate Smith

Those who have recently died:

Michael Harrell, David Fletcher

Year's Mind:

Louis Munro, Bob Griffiths, Wolf Wahle

Notices

Leading intercessions

This is an important part of our worship as a parish church. Any townspeople walking past the door during intercessions should be able to hear their parish church offering up prayers on behalf of our community and when it is done well, we come close to fulfilling our purpose as a Christian congregation.

I will be interested to hear from anyone who would like to join the team who lead our common prayers in the months and years going forward. We are living in times where ordinary human well being is no longer being taken for granted and more than ever, we need people of conviction to advocate for them, especially before the throne of God. Please talk with me directly if you feel this something you would like to do. I will be offering a class with examples of good practice later in June. Email: vicar@evesham.church AS

Coffee Morning - St Egwins
Saturday 21st May, 10.00 am

Rogationtide Service
Sunday 22nd May, 3.00 pm, Manor Farm.

Medieval Fayre - Evesham Churchyard - 21st-22nd May 2022

Next weekend sees the return of the Medieval Fayre. The churchyard will be full of stalls, so, if you are attending church services on Friday and Sunday, please park in local car parks. There will be limited parking outside the All Saints for those with mobility issues only.

Events and Services for the week ahead

Monday 16th May

10.00 am Yellow Scarf, Church House
6.30 pm Yellow Scarf, Church House

Wednesday 18th May

All day Yellow Scarf, Church House
3.00 pm Funeral of David Fletcher in St Egwin's

Thursday 19th May

10.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints.
President & Preacher: The Vicar
5.30 pm Yellow Scarf, Church House, upstairs meeting room
7.30 pm Music Club concert in All Saints

Friday 20th May

Church yard closed other than for essential church business (set up for fayre)
10.30 am Evesham Refugees Women's Group, Church House
2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

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3.00 pm Service for Rogationtide at Manor Farm, Lenchwick
Led by Andy Green

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