

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

What Christians Do

I would be able to retire now if I had £1 for every time someone told me (about myself, or about other people): 'That's not very Christian'.

Of course what they usually mean is: 'That's not very nice' (or possibly 'that's offended me').

Yet in Acts we learn exactly what the priorities were for the first Christians: they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship; the breaking of bread and the prayers.

If you can't recognise these four things, you don't see a Christian—it's as simple as that. And if you want the apostles' teaching about Jesus, it starts something like this:

***Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***



Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

EASTER IV (30th April 2023)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 1st May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3rd May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 4th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Organ Recital
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 5th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 14.30 Tower Tour
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 6th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 14.30 Tower Tour
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

EASTER IV - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 463

Setting: Harris in F

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Act 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 459

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 10.1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 376

Communion Motet: If ye love me *(Thomas Tallis)*

Post-Communion Hymn: 307

Voluntary: Alla breve BWV589
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Sanders

Psalm(s): 29.1-10

First Lesson: Ezra 3.1-13

Office Hymn: 101

Canticles: Walmisley in D minor

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2.11-end

Anthem: The Father's love *(Simon Lole)*

Hymn: 461

Voluntary: Canzona BWV588 *(Johann Sebastian Bach)*

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 30th April - Easter IV

- Courage and joy as we respond to God's call
- ◇ The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Jessie Key; Ralph Smith; Alma Graham;*
Betty Longstaff

Monday 1st May - Phillip and James

- Refreshment and renewal for all workers
- ◇ Sokoto - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Rene Williams*

Tuesday 2nd May - Athanasius

- Benefice of Wilne, Draycott and Breaston
- ◇ Central Solomons - Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ✦ *Charles Branson, priest; Robert Marriott*

Wednesday 3rd May

- Benefice of Winshill and Bretby
- ◇ Soroti - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- ✦ *Arthur Butt*

Thursday 4th May - Saints & Martyrs of the Reformation Era

- Benefice of Brimington
- ◇ Southwark - The Church of England
- ✦ *Esme Crane*

Friday 5th May

- Benefice of Buxton, Burbage and King Sterndale
- ◇ Southwell & Nottingham - The Church of England
- ✦ *Rose Brenal*

Saturday 6th May

- God's gifts of grace, wisdom and strength for
King Charles as he is crowned today
- ◇ The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
- ✦ *Ronald Harding; Lucy Morgan; Mary Nickols*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin; Kenneth Hughes; Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Susan Barber; Judith Dixon; Christopher Cain; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Carol and Dave; John Lockwood

✦ *Martyn Gough, priest RIP*

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

The first of this season's recitals will be at 12.15 pm on Thursday 4th May, given by our own Peter Shepherd. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the church music fund.

The Coronation of King Charles III will be celebrated at the 10.30 Mass next Sunday 7th May, with His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Mayor and Mayoress, and civic representatives from across Derbyshire in attendance. *Refreshments will be served in the East End after this Mass.*

This year's APCM will take place in the church on SUNDAY 14th MAY after Mass and Refreshments—around 12.10. The hope is to have a good number of people present who are not willing to make a special journey to attend such a meeting on a weekday evening. Document booklets are available at the back of church. **Please consider standing for PCC or Deanery Synod—or even for an office within the parish!**

Next Sunday - 7th May - Easter V

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Acts 7.55-end
John 14.1-14

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 147.1-12
Zechariah 4.1-10
Revelation 21.1-14

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