

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Why are you Standing There?

The disciples are asked *Why are you standing there looking up to heaven?* There are shades of Jesus asking Mary Magdalene not to hold on to him after the resurrection.

The message is the same: there is work to be done, and standing still—holding the moment—is not an option.

After the resurrection the next business is not to hold on to the moment but to go and witness; after the ascension the next business is to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. After any great thing there is always more work to be done.

We are not to have the luxury of just enjoying the moment. It has passed—move on—nothing to see here—but there is plenty that God wants us to get up and do in the proclamation and growth of God's Kingdom.



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

EASTER VII (21st May 2023)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Sung Mass

18.30 Sung Compline

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 22nd May

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 23rd May

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 24th May

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th May

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Organ Recital

17.00 Evening Prayer

17.30 Mass

Friday 26th May

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

14.30 Tower Tour*

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 27th May

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

14.30 Tower Tour*

16.00 Evening Prayer

* Tickets available from the Gift Shop

EASTER VII

SUNG MASS

Processional Hymn: 128

Setting: Rawsthorne

Collect Prayer

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and 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 Acts 1.6-14

When they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Gradual Hymn: 239

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 296

Post-Communion Hymn: 394

Voluntary: Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux

(Pierre du Mage)

SUNG COMPLINE

(Separate Order of Service)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 21st May - Easter VII

- Benefice of Chesterfield Holy Trinity/Christ Church
- ◇ The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- ✦ *Peggy Coulson*

Monday 22nd May

- Bishop's Council and Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today
- ◇ Taita-Taveta - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Alice Mather*

Tuesday 23rd May

- Benefice of Chesterfield Saints Augustine
- ◇ Taiwan - The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 24th May - John and Charles Wesley

- Thanks for the wonder of creation
- ◇ Tamale - The Church of the Province of West Africa
- ✦ *William Rosling; Michael Graham*

Thursday 25th May - The Venerable Bede; Aldhelm

- Benefice of Chesterfield St Mary & All Saints
- ◇ Tanga - Anglican Church of Tanzania

Friday 26th May - Augustine of Canterbury;

John Calvin; Philip Neri

- Benefice of Hayfield, Chinley and Buxworth
- ◇ Central Tanganyika - Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Ruth Moorhouse; Monica Knighton*

Saturday 27th May

- Benefice of Clifton, Norbury and Snelston
- ◇ South West Tanganyika - Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Lily White; Margaret Hopkinson*

- 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; John Lockwood

✦ *Sergio Vegetti, priest, RIP*

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

The next recital will be at 12.15 pm on Thursday 25th May, with Eric Singleton. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the church music fund.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Annual Global Prayer Event

This year's event runs from Ascension (18th May) until Pentecost (28th May). Information about the event and available resources can be found at: www.thykingdomcome.global

Return of the 'Whit Walk'

Monday 29th May, starting 9.45 am at the Town Hall with a hymn and short address. Two bands and around nineteen churches are due to participate in the procession through town. Please make every effort to come, watch or walk with others from the parish. See John Gascoyne for further details.

Next Sunday - 28th May - Pentecost

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 2.1-21
John 20.19-23
- 18.30 Choral Mass & Procession
Readings: Psalm(s) 67 & 133
Joel 2.21-end
Acts 2.14-38

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