

Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints

Abide in Him

All the teaching about love and abiding in Jesus leads us into the danger of reducing our relationship with God into a warm fuzzy feeling. So today he reminds us that those who abide in him will bear much fruit.

Where is the fruit of our labours? We will only see it if our abiding in him is real, and not just a warm fuzzy feeling!



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

EASTER V (28th April 2024)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
10.30 Choral Mass
18.30 Choral Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 2nd MAY

Lunchtime Concert 12.15

Friday 3rd May

Tower Tour 14.30

SATURDAY 4th MAY

Tower Tour 14.30

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

Tickets for Tower Tours are available from the church Gift Shop in the week prior to the tour taking place.

EASTER V - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 124

Setting: Darke in A minor

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 8.26-end

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Gradual Hymn: 345

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 15.1-8

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 375

Communion Motet: I know that my Redeemer liveth
(George Frederick Handel)

Post-Communion Hymn: 105 (t.1)

Voluntary: *Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn* BWV630
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Byrd

Psalm(s): 96

First Lesson: Isaiah 60.1-14

Office Hymn: 119 (t.107)

Canticles: Harris in A minor

Second Lesson: Revelation 3.1-13

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God
(Charles Villiers Stanford)

Hymn: 463 (t.ii)

Voluntary: *Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ* BWV628
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 28th April - Easter V - Rogation Sunday

- To live our lives according to Christ's word
- ◇ The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 29th April - Catherine of Siena

- Benefice of Edale
- ◇ Easton - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *David Scott*

Tuesday 30th April - Pandita Mary Ramabai

- Benefice of Etwall and Egginton
- ◇ Eau Claire - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Jessie Key; Ralph Smith; Alma Graham;*
Betty Longstaff

Wednesday 1st May - Philip and James

- The work of the USPG
- ◇ Central Ecuador - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Rene Williams*

Thursday 2nd May - Athanasius

- Benefice of Elmtou, Creswell, Whitwell & Steetley
- ◇ Edinburgh - The Scottish Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Charles Branson, priest; Robert Marriott*

Friday 3rd May

- Benefice of Elton
- ◇ Edmonton - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Arthur Butt*

Saturday 4th May - English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

- Thanks for the life & work of Florence Nightingale
and all healing workers past & present
- ◇ St Edmundsbury & Ipswich - Church of England
- ✦ *Esme Crane*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin;
Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Christopher
Cain; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason;
Paul Bates; John Lockwood; Tony Ragan; Sue
Hastings; Jane Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Barbara
Carter; Jack; Violet McGhie; David Pedrick; Joseph
Watson; Roxanne; Richard Bland; Imelda Davies;
Stephen; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Zac; Thomas
Harris; Pat

✦ *Danny Parkes, RIP*

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday 2nd
May, with Alexander Binns at the organ. Free
entry, with a retiring collection for the music
fund.

Church Electoral Roll

Being on the church's Electoral Roll enables you
to help choose representatives on PCC,
Deanery Synod etc. Application forms for new
members are now available from the Sacristy or
the Gift Shop.

If you are already on the Roll, please advise of
any changes of address since last year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's APCM will follow Mass and
refreshments, around 12.10pm, on Sunday
19th May.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 11th May, 11am - Civic Service
Saturday 25th May, 7pm - Daniel Bishop
(Celebrity Organ Concert)

Next Sunday - 5th May - Easter VI - Rogation Sunday

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 10.44-end
John 15.9-17
18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 45
Song 4.16-5.2; 8.6-7
Revelation 3.14-end

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