



# Church Family News

**Choir practice**—second and fourth Sundays. New members welcome. See Jill Collinson

## **Sunday Worship 4th May** 2nd Sunday after Easter

We gather for worship welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion. The reading and prayers for this week are below.

***We welcome Archdeacon Martin, who will be presiding and preaching at our services today.***

*Those serving us today are:*

### **8am Holy Communion**

*Server/Reader: Andy West Welcomer/Kim Stangroom*

### **10am Sung Holy Communion**

*Warden: Pete Gruncell Welcome: Joan Gruncell*

*Server: Andy West Chalice: Andy/Claire Reader: Ann Corfield*

**11.30-12noon** Family Service (Margaret Harnden/  
Fr Stephen

*Organist: David Howard*

**Hymns from the GREEN book**

**Introit 118, Gradual 105, Offertory 114,  
Communion 457, Recessional 110**

**Collect** (a special prayer for the Easter season)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**NT Reading:** Acts 9: 1-6

**Psalm:** 30

**Response: You have made me, Lord, as strong as the mountains.**

**Gospel reading:** John 21: 1—19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.'

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full

of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

### **We pray to the Lord**

- ◆ For those who have lost their lives in the massacre in Vancouver For all in captivity throughout the world
- ◆ For a lasting ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine
- ◆ For those named on our April prayer list: For Freya, seriously ill in hospital, and for her parents and friends. For Patricia, Ellie, Eleanor, Louise, Sarah Jayne, Yvonne, Ciera, Pat, Masa, John, Joy, Sue, James, Heather, John, Kenny, RM, Fiona, Lesley, Max, Andy, Margaret Bradshaw

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Barry Huxley, Arthur Dean, Dorothy Lingard, Jane O'Brien, Barbara Bosworth.

For the recently departed: Pope Francis RIP

Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask. God bless you this week.

Safeguarding is an essential part of our pastoral care. It's about keeping people safe and helping people feel safe. We all have a part to play, thank you for playing your part.

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