

The Parish of St. Mary and St. John the Divine, Balham

Sunday after Ascension

Sunday 13 May 2018



This Sunday

8am

President:

Said Eucharist (BCP)

Rev. Dr. Robertr Tobin

10.30am

President:

Lay Deacon:

Preacher:

Readers:

Intercessor:

Setting:

OoS:

Readings:

All Age Sung Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

Bruce Knight

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

Karen Barrett

Mesha Campbell

Mike Mullins

St. Thomas

Easter

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.6-19

6.30pm

Officiant:

Psalm(s):

Readings:

Evening Prayer

Matthias the Apostle

Rev. Eileen Serbutt

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Isaiah 22.15-22

Philippians 3.13b-4.1

Collect, Hymns and Readings

Introit:

Jesus Shall Reign (NEH 388)

Collect:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heav-
en:

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.

First Reading: *Acts 1.15-17, 21-end*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Second Reading: *1 John 5.9-13*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his

Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gradual:

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (NEH 141)

Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

‘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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Offertory:

The Head That Once ((NEH 134)

Communion Anthem:

Bread Is Blessed And Broken (Bell)

Communion Hymn:

We Hail Thy Presence Glorious (NEH 310)

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dismissal:

Praise the Lord! (NEH 437, t. 185)

Church News

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who came to support us at the Church Wardens' Visitation Eucharist this week, your presence meant a great deal. We also appreciate those of you who have offered kind words of encouragement and prayers as we embark on a new year in office. We would like to thank Keith Holmes for all his help and hope his health is restored quickly.

In celebration of the Royal Wedding, next Sunday (20th) there will be a drinks party in the garden (weather permitting), after the 10.30 Eucharist. We hope you will be able to join us.

Pauline & JJ

'THY KINGDOM COME'

10-20 May

Initiated in 2016 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, 'Thy Kingdom Come' has developed into a global prayer movement, inviting Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Churches in Tooting Deanery will gather for a joint event on Tuesday, 15 May at 7pm, to which all are warmly invited. Please also see the prayer materials at the back of church to take away and to share with others.

PARKING NOTICE

The Vicar reminds the congregation that there are restrictions on parking outside the church. There is never parking along the north-side of the building Monday-Friday, as these spaces are rented. Just as important, please do not park in front of the building during business hours, unless you are at church for a service or activity. Lastly, please do not park your car at the church for extended periods overnight or on weekends without first consulting the Vicar. Doing so poses a risk should there be an emergency in your absence.

WANTED: 'MYSTERY READERS' AT TSM!

The teachers at our church school, Trinity St Mary's, are looking for 'Mystery Readers' to come into the Nursery and Reception classes to read their favourite picture books to the children. (If you don't have a favourite, you can choose from the selection at TSM!) Slots are available on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons throughout the rest of Summer Term, so please see the Vicar if you would like to take part.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

If you work or volunteer in any position that needs safeguarding training, the CS I course is running at St. Alban's church, Streatham on Saturday June 9. To book your place please email the Area Dean, Rev. Sue Clarke, (semclarke@btinternet.com) direct or speak to Chris Serbutt.

LONDON SAXOPHONE CHOIR

Saturday May 26, 7pm

All are welcome to 10th Anniversary Concert, celebrating a decade of music-making under the directorship of Roger Cawkwell. With music by Bach, Byrd, Gershwin, Stravinsky and Joplin.

AROUND THE TABLE

Wednesday May 16, 7.30pm

The next session of Around the Table, the St. Mary's Bible Study Group, is on Wednesday May 16 starting at 7.30pm and finishing around 8.30pm with Compline.

We will be continuing our study of Mark's Gospel with the second of our two sessions on discipleship. All sessions are designed to be stand-alone, so if you haven't been before, or you've missed one or two, it won't matter.

No matter where you are on your Christian journey, you are more than welcome. If you have any questions, please speak to Chris Serbutt.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018 13TH - 19TH MAY

HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

On Friday 11th May Guides and Brownies will deliver Christian Aid envelopes in the belief that you will support them by collecting them back.

I need 20 willing volunteers to collect them back on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th May. If you are aged 16 or over and keen and enthusiastic, come and discover the Parish boundaries, meet new people and their pets and have fun. We all go out together so you will not be alone.

Meet in Holy Family Chapel (side access) at 6.45pm on Mon 14th or Tue 15th for training before collecting if you have never done it before. Last year we raised over £2000 with gift aid.

Thank you. Diane Holmes

LOVE BALHAM' SUPPER & PRAYER

Tuesday June 5

As part of our preparations for the 'Love Balham' service day taking place on 9 June, members of St Mary's and the Church of the Ascension will gather for supper and prayer on Tuesday, 5 June at 7.30pm in the Narthex. This promises to be a good opportunity to meet some of our neighbours from Balham Hill and to seek God's blessing on our shared venture. Please see Paula Reynolds if you'd like to attend.

FAMILY BALLET AFTERNOON

Back by popular demand, advanced notice that we will be showing a film of the ballet 'La Fille Mal Gardée' (The Wayward Girl) on Saturday afternoon 11th August at 2pm in the Narthex. This light-hearted ballet is suitable for both adults and children. Where else can you see dancing chickens, a live pony, a clog-dancing Dame, and a thunderstorm, on stage? Put the date in your diary now!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBANS

Saturday 23 June

Sign up sheet is now on the board – final deadline Sunday 17 June

8:00am - Gather at St Mary's for prayers.

8:29 am - Train departs Balham, change at Watford Junction.

11:00am - Start of Pilgrimage Procession followed by Festival Eucharist in St Albans Abbey.

Our Cathedral Dean Fr Andrew Nunn SCP is the preacher

Lunch - Bring picnic or explore local eating options.

4:00pm - Festival Evensong and Shrine Procession.

Preacher is Fr Stuart Burns OSB - Abbot of Mucknell Abbey

8:15pm – Approximate arrival time back in Balham.

Costs including return rail travel, Pilgrimage Rose and Prayer leaflet

Adult £15; OAP with Freedom Pass £10;

Children £5;

Adult with Z1/2/3 Travelcard £12; Adult Pilgrimage only (no travel) £5;

Contact Alex Russell or Fr Mike Todd for further information on (020 8677 7328

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

If you have any plastic tops, the sort used on juice cartons or drinks bottles, can you please save them and give them to Nicky Morton. Thank you.

CAR PARKING SPACE

We will have a car parking space available at £42.50 per month from 1 June. Please contact the Lettings Officer for more information.

Community News

MULTIFAITH WALK

Sunday May 13

Hosted by BATCA (Balham and Tooting Community Association) and local history group Summerstown 182 from 3pm to approx 5.30pm

A great opportunity to meet people of different faiths and go behind doors that are usually closed. We'll be going to the Idara mosque in Church Lane, All Saints Church in Franciscan Road and the Tooting Islamic Centre in Upper Tooting Road. We'll be warmly welcomed, see the building and be greeted by faith leaders and members. There'll be refreshments at the Tooting Islamic Centre. The meeting point at the start of the walk (3pm) is outside St Nicholas' Church, at the corner of Church Lane and Mitcham Road in Tooting Broadway. Gentle pace and excellent guide. To know more or if you plan to join in please contact please contact Kate Allan on kateallan00@gmail.com or call 07966 690308/ 020 8870 1550

Box On The High Road

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During May we will be collecting for Christian Aid and the box will take donations and envelopes. Please be generous. Nominations for charities during June, July and August would be welcomed. Diane Holmes

Coming Up

Sunday 13 May

Sunday after Ascension / Easter 7

- 8am Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Sung All Age Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Monday 14 May

- 8am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15 May

- 8am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 16 May

- 8am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Said Eucharist
7.30pm Around The Table

Thursday 17 May

- 8pm Ascension Day Eucharist

Friday 18 May

- 8am Morning Prayer

Saturday 19 May

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 20 May

- 12.45pm Drinks' Party

Saturday 26 May

- 7pm Concert
(London Saxophone Choir)

Saturday 27 May

- 4.30pm Family Service

Tuesday 5 June

- 7.30pm Love Balham Supper and Prayer

Saturday 9 June

- tbc Love Balham
tbc Safeguarding Training
(at St. Alban's Streatham)

Saturday 23 June

- 8am St. Alban's Pilgrimage

Saturday 11 August

- 2pm Family Ballet Afternoon

Our Prayers This Week

Our world:

- For those affected by the floods in Kenya
- For peace in the Middle East

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