



The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury

Sunday 12th May 2024

Sunday after Ascension

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Today

9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Martin's

Celebrant: Reverend Diane Fawcett

Hymns: 167 (omit vv 4 and 5), 172, 398

Address: Rosemary Walters

Organist: Christopher Gower

10.30am Sung Parish Eucharist with SundayZone at St Paul's

Celebrant: Reverend Charlotte Sleigh

Hymns: 223, 232, 572, 557

Address: Rosemary Walters

Organist: David Rees-Williams

Parish prayers:

We pray for Jennifer H, Caroline, Lizzy, Ann, Sophie, Harriet, Susan, Joyce, Tony, Judy, and Nicola. We remember the family and friends of Robert Stuart, Megan Dixon and Canon Norman Woods who have died. We remember the memorial anniversaries of Carol Mackay and Christine Fowler.

Parish contacts:

Rector: *We are currently in a vacancy. Please contact the Church Wardens via the Parish Office.*

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Special Prayer Requests Gwyn Hartwell 451366 or Doreen Laven 760372

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The Collect: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

¹⁵ 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— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

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

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

Psalm 1

1. Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. 2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night. 3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season. 4. His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. 5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 7. But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish. **(We stand for the Gloria): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Second Lesson: 1 John 5.9-13

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son

of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God^[a] have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I 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.

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Gospel: John 17.6-19

⁶ '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. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ 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. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that^[a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,^[b] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But 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.^[c] ¹⁴ I 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. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.^[d] ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Post Communion Collect: God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introit: *Above all praise and majesty*, by Mendelssohn

Anthem: *Give almes of thy goods*, by Tye.

Notices:

APCM: Sunday 19th May at 12noon, St Paul's Church.

Novena: individual resources for the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost are available as a booklet or to download online. See canterburydiocese.org/novena

Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May. Envelopes are available in both churches which can be put in the donation boxes but you can donate online at christianaid.org.uk. **Outing:** Join our outing to Folkestone/Hythe and make a donation for your day out or get sponsored for walking back (4 miles plus) from Hythe to Folkestone. Meet at the **No 16 bus stop at the bus station at 10.10 on Saturday May 18th.** Your own lunch arrangements at Hythe and the day is very flexible, you can catch the bus back to Folkestone if you prefer. Timings for return journey up to you. Rosemary 768891 or ra.walters@btinternet.com.

St Augustine's Day Service. This years' service will be held at St Martin's on 23rd May at 5pm. A procession to the Abbey will follow before the service ends at the Cathedral Chapter House at about 6.15pm. All are welcome.

Disability Theology: The Growing in Faith (GIF) group invite all to an evening exploring Disability Theology, lead by Revd Dave Stroud one of our visiting priests from CCCU and our own Revd Lorraine Lawrence who will be talking from her own experience – Wednesday 22nd May, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

Diary

Monday 13th:	8.30am Morning Prayer at Christ Church University Chapel
Tuesday 14th:	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Paul's
Wednesday 15th:	10.30am Prayer Book Eucharist and Coffee at St Paul's 7.30pm Contemporary Theology Group
Thursday 16th:	12Noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's 4.30pm-6.30pm Hangouts Youth Club (Parish Centre) 8.40pm Zoom Compline (Online)
Friday 17th:	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Paul's 7:30pm Choir Practice at St Paul's
Saturday 18th:	10.10am Christian Aid Week - Day by the Sea
Next Sunday (19th):	9:00am Sung Eucharist at St Martin's 10:30am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone at St Paul's 2.30pm Messy Church at Spring Lane Community Centre 5.00pm Choral Evensong and Supper at St Paul's Guest Preacher: Revd Lindsay Yates. Theme: Fruits of the Spirit.