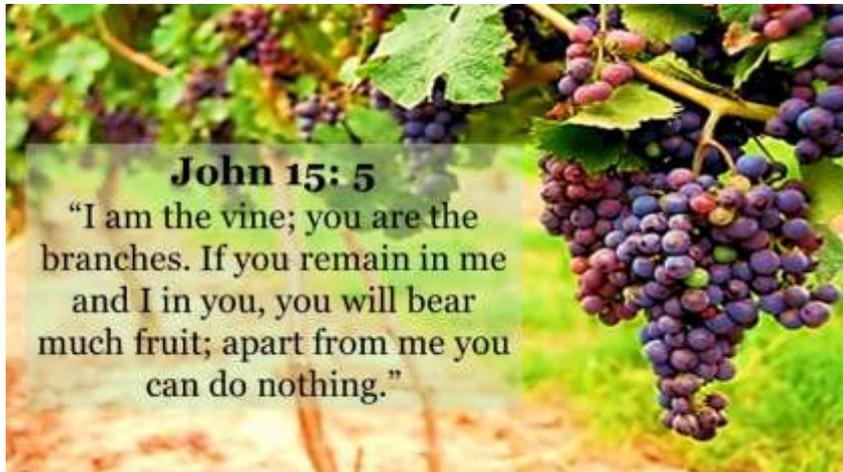




St Oswald's Church: Worship and News Sheet

2 May 2021

Easter 5



Introduction

This Sunday (2nd) there will be an 8.30am service of Holy Communion (in church) and a service of Morning Praise at 10.30am. Please note that we will not be using Zoom this weekend.

Regular Wednesday morning services take place at 9.30am.

The church is open for private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays.

Next Sunday, 9th May, the 8.30 service will be Early Worship and the 10.30 service will be Holy Communion.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world, regardless of denomination, to pray for 11 days from Ascension (13 May) to Pentecost (23 May) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This year we have a free prayer resource... TKC **Prayer Journal**. This has been written by Archbishop Stephen and has a page with a theme for each day for you to use. We also have some bookmarks.

Please collect from the back of church.



222 Years

Church Mission Society 222nd Anniversary

1799-2021

2m 22s to pray for mission

Thank you for joining us to pause and pray, with thankful hearts, for God's mission in the world. You might like to have our Prayerlines (<https://churchmissionsociety.org/pray/>) *open to find specific prayers for today.*

Missionary God,
Always reaching out in love,
Always seeking those pushed to the edges,
Always calling us to follow Jesus:

Help us to see what you are already doing in our neighbourhood:

Pause: Where have you noticed the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control – perhaps in surprising places?

Help us to see what you are already doing in the wider world:

Pause: Even in the daily news, where have you seen good news proclaimed, hospitality given and received, strangers welcomed, lives lived simply, creation cared for?

Today, with the CMS community we pray for those we know who have specific roles in mission whether locally or around the world:

Pause: (Use prayerlines or other prayer guides available at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/pray/>) You could also pray for Jigsaw here.

As old and new disciples together, move our hearts, our hands and our feet to follow your call. So that through the power of your Holy Spirit, we might see your kingdom come to the very edges of the earth. Amen.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Come apart from your busyness.
Leave your stresses at the door.
Come and reconnect with God.
Remain in him and grow.
Grow closer, grow deeper.
Grow and be fruitful.
Come and glorify God!

Eternal God,
we come as one and we come together,
to draw from the source of your life-giving love,
to reconnect with one another and with you,
to listen to your word,
to meet you in prayer and praise,
and to learn and grow as your faithful disciples –
in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Hymn: Ye servants of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeGAltd2_sg

Readings for Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-end

Psalm 22: 25-end

1 John 4: 7-end

John 15: 1-8

Song: A new Commandment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jT0ygUgPvP0>

Reflection

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news/sunday-reflection-with-sister-heather-frances-crane-ohp/>

Song: You are the Vine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hw5En1VoYYw>

Prayers (from rootsontheweb)

True God, true vine,
strength of all our being,
giver of all good gifts,
healer of all that is broken:
we worship you;
we glorify you;
we rejoice in you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Gracious God,
we come to you aware of our failings and conscious that we have tried to live in our own strength.

Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.

We have resisted the challenge of change and not trusted your truth.

Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.

We have rooted ourselves in our wills and not in your word.

Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.

We have looked for quick fixes and not kingdom-shaped growth.

Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.

Amen.

To all those in need of love:

let the love of God be known.

To a world in need of love:

let the love of God be shown.

To those in need of food:

let the love of God be shared.

By those in need of healing:

let the love of God be experienced.

By those in need of peace:

let the love of God be felt.

By those in need of hope:

let the love of God be seen.

To those in need of joy:

let the love of God be sung.

By those in need of justice:

let the love of God be heard.

By all those in need of love:

let the love of God be known.

Amen.



Collect

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage

to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn: My Jesus, My Saviour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0X5Modh-Ag>

Sending out prayer

As we leave this place,
may we abide with God,
grafted and rooted and pruned.
Lord, help us to stay connected to one another and to you,
bearing fruit wherever your love takes us.
Amen.



Song of blessing: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you

(Northumbria Community)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxUAeTDW3c0>

Thank you for your ongoing financial support for St Oswald's and the diocese.

Don't forget there is a new on-line giving page available at:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/fdc4c603-bdcf-4c89-94bc-c3507cdc8968>

Birthdays and Celebrations

We are now into May and it seems a much busier month for birthdays!

We wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Morna Stoakley on May 1st

Lilly Coy from Youth Group, who is 14 on May 4th

Gabriella Barker who is 6 on May 5th

Johnathan Halkyard who is 11 on May 6th



If you have a birthday or a special anniversary in May please let Helen Irving know.

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Help needed!



Pictures of recent endeavours in the vicarage garden!

Thank you to those who have already helped to clear some of the green waste from the vicarage garden. There is still more work to be done – but it is looking a lot better than above already!