

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 29 April 2018



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*President, Preacher* Nigel Guthrie, Bill Pattinson  
*Readers* Emma White, Sue Wilson  
*Prayers* Geoff Crockett  
*6pm* Evening Prayer, Ian Cartwright

**Hymns today: 510, 220, 434, 463**

Traidcraft Stall after the service today

*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

*Genesis 22.1-18:* This week's Old Testament reading is too long to reproduce here. We will listen as Emma reads it to us.

*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.

*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.

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*Post Communion Prayer:* Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever

*Please keep in your prayers:* George Tout; Ben Grimsey; Dorothy Guthrie; our Thursday Communion services and our parish lunches - living community

**Notices:**

Some dates for you:

13 May Edibles Stall

20 May Family Service for Pentecost with Holy Communion + collection for Christian Aid

27 May Traidcraft Stall

10 June Edibles Stall

17 June Edibles Stall, Fathers' Day

THE DATE OF THE APCM IS TOMORROW MONDAY 30 APRIL AT 7PM IN ST DAVID'S CHURCH.  
PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU CAN. NG

SAVE THE DATE! Our fete this year will be on 7 July 11:30am to 2:30pm. We will be looking for helpers nearer to the time

Christian Aid Big Brekkie - Saturday 19 May, 9-11am: Pennie Hartopp is kindly coordinating our Christian Aid fundraiser. Would you be willing to cook and serve at this event? We are hoping to offer choices of breakfast, ranging from a full cooked breakfast as well as bacon, sausage and egg filled rolls, together with healthier options for those preferring a lighter start, pancakes, cereal, toast, fruit, juice and yoghurt, as well as tea and coffee. Please contact Pennie at penniehartopp@googlemail.com if you would be willing to donate food for this event or if you could help on the day. Thank you. NG

The next two Parish lunches will be on FRIDAY 4 May and Thursday 24 May. Please note that the first one is on a different day, so we can take advantage of the College's Friday roast. Sign the list at the back or speak to Sue Wilson

From the Esther Community: We need your help! We are having a bit of a freshen-up and need a lick of paint. We want Esther Community to look spick and span, a nice place to rest your head. We need your help to paint our rooms. Many hands make light work. Any help would be much appreciated. Tea & biscuits provided. Thank you in advance. Clare, Support Worker at Esther. Please contact Christopher for further details

Exeter College Choral Society Spring Concert, conductor Alfie Pugh: Kodaly - Missa Brevis, Mozart - Litaniae Lauretanae, Rachmaninoff - Ave Maria (The Vespers), Thursday 3 May 7:30pm in St David's Church. Tickets £12 (students £5) on the door. To reserve 01392 88200, [execollchoralsoc@gmail.com](mailto:execollchoralsoc@gmail.com).

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