



THE SUNDAY SHEET
THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 16TH MAY 2021
MINISTRY & CALLING SUNDAY

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
An induction loop is provided. To use, please turn your hearing aid to T.*

*Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the
stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please listen but DO NOT join in singing*

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward 1932-2015

Tune: Guiting Power, John Barnard b.1948

THE COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
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
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS I. 15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘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—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

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

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

JOHN 17. 6-19

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

‘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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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. While 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. 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. 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 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.

COMMISSIONING OF PASTORAL VISITORS

After the Gospel Reading and before the Sermon

The Church of God is called to be the first-fruits of his Kingdom, restored in and through the work of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ; she is the bride of Christ, faithfully and purposefully awaiting his promised return; she is his body on earth, by the co-operation of whose members Christ is yet made known to the world. She is called to be salt, light, yeast; glorifying God by her worship and mission.

Do you, the members of Christ's body here in St Asaph, wish to reaffirm your commitment to our common Christian vocation?

We do.

Then I ask you these questions:

Jesus said, As the Father sent me; so I am sending you.

Do you commit yourselves to discerning and obeying God's call on your common life as members of God's Church in this place?

We do.

Jesus said, I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Do you commit yourselves to serving God through your dealings with your local community?

We do.

Jesus said, May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.

Do you commit yourselves to preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in all that you say and do?

We do.

People of God, receive afresh the authority given by Christ to his Church: bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and sight to the blind, let the oppressed go free, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

May God, whose power working among us can do infinitely more than all we can ask or conceive, be glorified in this Mission Area and in all his Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The members of the Team and a representative of the Church Council stand

Church Committee representative

Those standing before us have been endorsed by the Church Committee to serve as Pastoral Visitor and in the case of Marion, Worship Leader. On behalf of that Committee, I therefore ask that they now be commissioned to undertake this task.

The Mission Area Leader

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; varieties of service, but the same Lord. God has appointed in his Church various forms of leadership.

Do you, the members of this congregation, believe that God has called those assembled before you to lead the ministry which you all share?

We do.

Those called to commissioned ministries are called to join with all God's people in loving one another, sharing in worship, and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. It is not to act as a substitute for others, but rather is to support all God's people in their witness and service, drawing on the same Spirit of Christ which enriches the whole Body.

I invite you to commit yourselves to the task to which you have been called within this Mission Area.

The Pastoral Visitors Team say together

**In fellowship with all God's people in this diocese
we promise before God to faithfully discharge the responsibilities entrusted
to us as a Pastoral Visitor to work together to grow in faith and to make
Christ known.**

The Mission Area Leader says

On behalf of the Mission Area Council, I hereby commission you to serve as a Pastoral Visitors and in the case of Marion, a Worship Leader.

May Christ, who came among us not to be served but to serve, be your living inspiration in all that you say and do. **Amen.**

The Service Continues with the Sermon

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King:
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal 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.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

ACTS 1. 15-17, 21-25

About 120 of Jesus' followers are gathered. Peter stands up and reminds them that Jesus had fulfilled the scriptures, and that Judas had been part of it. They must find a replacement for Judas. So they pray for guidance before casting lots, and Matthias is chosen.

1 JOHN 5. 9-13

The testimony of God – that God gave us eternal life in his son – is greater than any human testimony.

JOHN 17. 6-19

Sometimes known as 'the prayer of the high priest', this is Jesus' beautiful and touching intercession on behalf of his disciples, in which he asks God to protect them when he can no longer be with them.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please leave the building as directed by the stewards on duty. Please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app please check in using the QR Code. If you

do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet on your seat. The booklets are quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Prayers. Please continue to pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christian Aid This last week has been Christian Aid week. As we cannot have a physical collection a St Asaph Just Giving page for Christian Aid has been set up and can be accessed via the Cathedral website: www.stasaphcathedral.wales

Pastoral Visitors Please pray for the ministry of our Pastoral Visiting Team who have been commissioned / recommissioned today.

Bible Study The Rev'd Margaret Harvey (a retired priest in the Cathedral congregation) has agreed to lead a Bible

Study for the Mission Area. We will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles (in particular the growing Church) and then some weeks on Paul's letter to the Galatians looking at some problems the Church faces. The Bible Study will be via Zoom on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. The Study will start on **Tuesday 8th June** and will run for 7 weeks. If you would like to join the Bible Study please register with Fr Rex as soon as possible:

RexMatthias@cinw.org.uk

Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

18th Tuesday – Feria

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Mission Area Exec. *on Zoom*

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

19th Wednesday – Dunstan, Bishop

10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

20th Thursday – Feria

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

21st Friday – Feria

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the Cathedral*

23rd Sunday – PENTECOST

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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