



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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28th April 2024 – Easter 5

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Marcia Hall, Anthony Sullivan

Servers: Phil Hallsworth, Trisha Nakanwagi, Melissa Narusoke

Chalice: Jenny Scotchmer, Anthony Sullivan

Lessons: Joy Ventour

Prayers: Heather Gwynn

Leader: Julie Adesina

Preacher: Julie Adesina

Celebrant: Jude Bullock

Music: Bill Gloyn

Hymns:

242 God is love

452 Longing for light

687 Take my life, and let it be

623 Praise, my soul

183 Fill your hearts with Joy

“We stand now where two roads diverge. But unlike the roads in Robert Frost's familiar poem, they are not equally fair. The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but at its end lies disaster. The other fork of the road — the one less travelled by — offers our last, our only chance to reach a destination that assures the preservation of the earth.”

— Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*



This week →	Thursday	2nd May	14.00	Café Church
	Friday	3rd May	10.00	Eucharist
	Sunday	5th May	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Post Communion

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.

First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?' ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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. This is the word of the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Second Reading

1 John 4.7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

²⁰Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

John 15.1-8

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Glory to you, O Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Praise to you, O Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way. If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme



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please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.

Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler's and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

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A big thank you to those who came to the Open PCC yesterday—the discussions we had were highly valuable and a great help in thinking of our future ministry and the values we need to put into practice.

Don't forget...Quiz night on Star wars day (May the Fourth be with you!) proceeds to Christian aid—tickets at the back. 7-7.30. Ploughman's provided—bring own drinks and nibbles, further info: Lindsey 07443 489 559

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Synagogue / church congregation swap: 10th Friday at the Synagogue in the evening, followed by supper. And then the following week, **Sunday 19th, the 10.00 service** will welcome the synagogue and Rabbi Richard for a service of the word—especially to pray for peace and climate justice. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch— the food, of course, has to be Kosher. The best way is vegetarian and to use stork margarine. If there is any meat—then it is best to be chicken. Fish (but not shellfish) is also fine. Thank you in advance.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for April.

1st Gregory Canning, 6th Mabel Garrett, 7th Peggy Eley, 13th Freddie Banks, Michael Taylor, 20th Gwen Coombs, 24th Barbara Shepard, 28th Alice Rolfe.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them,
may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*