

■ **David Wood's Sixtieth Birthday Concert:** church members are invited to join David for 'I have had singing', an informal concert with many of his musical friends to celebrate his sixtieth birthday, **TODAY, Sunday 19th May, starting at 3.00pm.** Please let David know if you are going to attend, so that he can supply enough birthday cake and prosecco!

■ **A Question of Faith? (Discussion group):** usually on the **first Tuesday of the month.** Have you got questions you'd like to ask about faith and how it relates to the wider world, or would you simply like to find out more? **Next meeting is 4th June, 7.30 pm – venue to be confirmed.**

■ **Tea at Two:** a friendly, informal get-together to which all are welcome. Come and join us for tea (or coffee!) and cake at St Peter's Church Hall at **2 pm** on the **first Wednesday of the month.** **Next date is 5th June.** *If you know of friends and neighbours who might like the opportunity to get out and meet with others, do ask them along too.*

■ **Parish Outing:** Thank you to everyone for putting their names on the list for the coach outing to Coventry on 22nd June. I am now looking to collect the money **TODAY** as I need to pay for the coach. *Tony Caswell*

■ **Summer Fayre:** this will be held on **Saturday 29 June 2019** in the Church grounds 11.00 til 2.00 pm. We need the following Cakes, Bottles, Gifts, Toys, Books and Plants. Raffle prizes should be given to a member of the Events Committee for consideration. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE.** All donations with the exception of cakes and plants to be brought to church by Sunday 23rd June please. We would also like to borrow some Gazebo's for the day, please let us know if you have one we could use. *Thank you.*
Events Committee Secretary, Rachel

■ **Afternoon Reflections:** Sue, David and Michael would like to thank everyone who supported their concert. It was such a pleasure to perform in front of such a large audience! A total of £309.97 was raised for the Organ Improvement Fund.

■ **Calling All Christian Cricketers In Braintree:** if you enjoy playing cricket you are invited to help Christ Church (London Road) form a strong inter-church team to play against the Braintree Islamic Centre on the afternoon of **Sunday July 7th at Braintree Cricket Club,** Panfield Lane. If you feel that this is a call for YOU please contact Alex Chamberlain: alexchamberlain1980@gmail.com. This will be our second Interfaith cricket match; 2018's was an excellent afternoon - Christ Church was beaten by a strong team from the Mosque. But teams and spectators were all winners through the comradeship of shared sport. You too could share that comradeship on July 7th. Youth or age are not barriers.

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Pew Slip: Sunday 19th May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week ends

A warm welcome to everyone here today. There will be refreshments after the 10 am Service. Please take this Pew Slip home with you for future reference.
Items for next week's Pew Slip to be with David Wood by 9.00 pm on Wednesday
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Services Today:

- 8 am:** **Holy Communion**
(Book of Common Prayer – 4th Sunday after Easter, from page 237)
- 10 am:** **Sung Communion and Sunday Club**
- 12.15pm:** **Holy Baptism – Poppy Dakin**
- 3 pm:** **David Wood's Birthday Concert – please see notice**

10am Sung Communion: *please follow the service in the Yellow Service Books, the hymns are in the Blue Book. LARGE PRINT versions of both are now available. We observe a few moments' silence at the beginning of our service today, as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

Processional Hymn: 15 All creatures of our God and King (omit vs. 4,5,6)

The Collect: *See overleaf*

Bible Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6

Gradual Hymn: 4 A new commandment

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Offertory Hymn: 606 Praise to the holiest

Eucharistic Prayer: *See Preface overleaf*

Choir Anthem: I give to you a new commandment (Peter Nardone)

Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*

Recessional Hymn: 388 Lord, the light of your love is shining

The 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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Summary of Today's Bible Readings at the 10.00am Service:

Acts – Peter explains to the church at Jerusalem why all food is acceptable and salvation is also for the Gentiles.

Revelation – A new heaven and a new earth, where every tear is wiped away and death shall be no more.

Gospel of John – Jesus gives a new commandment, to love one another.

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer used in today's 10 am Service:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord....

The Prayer after 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.

This Week:

Tuesday 21 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 24 th	1.00 pm	Holy Communion

Services Next Sunday, 26th May 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer- 5th Sunday after Easter)

10 am Sung Communion

12.15 pm Holy Baptism

6 pm Congregational Evensong

Readings for next Sunday (Easter 6 - Year C)

Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5; John 5:1-9.

■ **Poetry Group:** Next meeting **Wednesday 22nd May**, 7.30 pm at 14 Clay Mills Court, Thomas Way CM7 3AH. Parking available in Braintree Station car park, 50p after 7pm.

■ **ASCENSION DAY, Thursday 30th May:** There will be a Deanery Service at Panfield Church at 7.30 pm and we are all welcome to attend.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2019: The complete renewal of the roll, required every six years under C of E rules, has now been carried out and a copy is available at the back of the church for people to check whether their names have been included. Application forms are also available there for anyone wanting their name to be added to the new Roll, and the forms can be handed to one of the Churchwardens, or to Ann Macklin.

Bible Study Group: we will continue looking at the sayings of Peter. Our Study Groups take place at the Vicarage usually, on **4th Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm: 28th May; 25th June; 23rd July; 27th August; 24th September; 22nd October; 26th November. *All are welcome!***

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th – 18th MAY

This fund-raising week ended yesterday but if you would still like to contribute, envelopes are available from me or at the back of the Church. Many Thanks, Janet.

FACEBOOK UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with liking and sharing our Facebook posts over the Easter period. We reached an average of 4,200 people, compared with 3,300 the previous month and 259 at Easter last year, and welcomed 15 new followers to our Page. The most popular posts were those with photos of us getting involved with activities, such as getting the

Church ready for Easter Day. Please keep up the good work, helping people to see something of what our faith and our Church are all about.

Judith Dignum