

SUNDAY 28 April – EASTER 5

8.30am BCP Communion
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

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. **Amen.**

READINGS (in pew bibles)

NT – Acts 8: 26 - end, pp. 135-136

GOSPEL – John 15: 1-8, p. 117

PRAYERS THIS WEEK –

A quick note from Christian Aid . . .

Climate change is a big issue. Some people may be experiencing anxiety about the climate – and open, honest prayer may be a good way to explore and articulate that anxiety. Prayer is transformative, it can help us to grow and change, and help us to join with God's transformative action in the world.

Prayer for Climate Justice

Creator God, You have created us, and the world, because you are love. The world is hurting through climate change. It hurts us and our global neighbours, but it is hurting the poorest people in our world the most. God, change our world, our communities, and us with your love.

We want to journey with you, to create a better future for everyone. God, to love you is the same as loving your world. To love you is the same as loving our global neighbours. Help us to love others, and all of creation, so your world can be what you want it to be. Amen. (Christian Aid)

NEXT WEEK

8.30am BCP Communion
10am All Age Communion

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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CHURCH NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact Mandy if you want to join the fortnightly group on Wednesday evening (in person).

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of the church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope (if you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid)

Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this. Everything helps – thank you!

NEW 10am Service Link for Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87614752017?pwd=a2svcTlPQ2FxQ29EVtBuR2qyMjJOQT09>

BOOK GROUP – WHAT TO READ NEXT

The Book Group is reading *Lydia* by Paula Gooder to discuss when we meet again on Thursday 2 May. All welcome – no invitation needed! For more information please email bookgroup@trumpington.church

SUMMER CAMP

Junior Church families are going camping at the Jarman Centre, Newmarket, 12-14 July. If you are interested in going, please contact Mandy.

TRUMPET DELIVERIES

Could YOU help to deliver *The Trumpet* in the central village area? We need 2 or 3 more volunteers. It's just 6 times per year, and starting from the June & July issue, which comes out late May.

Please call or email Edmund Brookes:

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PLANT STALL

Ken & Kathy Hamilton thank everyone who supported the plant stall last Sunday in church. they raised £99 in cash donations for the charity 'Medical Aid in Palestine'.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

VOLUNTEER DRIVER SCHEME

FOR TRUMPINGTON AND GRANTCHESTER

Drivers and co-ordinators needed. Training given and costs reimbursed. Interested? Call Carol on 0788 181 2051 to register your interest.

If you want to put a note in the pewsheet, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday.



St Philip baptising the Ethiopian eunuch, St Mary Abbot, London

No time like the present

Gillian Cooper *reflects on* Acts 8:26-end

Philip should probably have consulted the church leaders before baptising a foreigner. He should have suggested to Queen Candace's servant that he might like to worship at the Temple in Jerusalem for a few months, and attend a course of preparation classes. But these were the heady days when the implications of the death and resurrection of Jesus were beginning to be understood. "What is to prevent me from being baptised?" asks the eunuch, and Philip has no answer. His unintended venture into evangelism has proved surprisingly successful, and now he has to deal with the consequences.

Peter has not yet had the vision that for him opens up the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul, that

great apostle to the Gentiles, does not appear until the following chapter of Acts. Yet in this astonishing story, against all expectations, outside the rules, an Ethiopian comes to faith in Jesus and is baptised into eternal life.

In the centuries that have passed, the Christian faith has inevitably become institutionalised. Our role in the world has changed beyond recognition. But still we read these stories, and know that, miraculously, life is stronger than death, and that with the Spirit of God let loose in the world, anything can happen. Each year the Easter season helps us to recapture a little bit of the excitement of the Gospel, and gives us a small encouragement to expect astonishing things of God. 🌊

We give thanks, O God, for the baptism that draws us into your family in union with believers past, present and future. Help us to know the power of your Spirit; that we may draw others to your love. Amen.

The Church Fathers Part 6, Clement of Alexandria

by Richard Gunning

Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215) was born of pagan parents but as a young man converted to Christianity. He travelled widely and in AD 180 reached Alexandria, where he began teaching at the city's catechetical School.

Clement's writings draw heavily on Stoic philosophy and, in great contrast to his contemporary

Tertullian, he argued for the equality of the sexes. Christ is neither male nor female, Clement suggested, and God the Father has both male and female aspects. He likened the body and blood of the Eucharist to milk from the breast.

As for martyrdom, Clement taught that while all good Christians should be unafraid of death, they should not actively seek a martyr's death. To do this was not to pay sufficient respect to God's gift of life. 🌊

Walking with Rosie *Resurrection joy*

by Gillian Cooper

Rosie and I go into town. As we enter the car park, Rosie starts to squeak with excitement. She bounds out of the car, and pulls me towards the shops and cafes. She knows where we stop for coffee (me) and treats (both of us). She knows which shops have biscuits behind the counter. And she knows who to stare at to get admired and fussed over. She

extracts every bit of fun from the outing, until we head back to the car, both exhausted from pulling on the lead.

Rosie is reminding me about joy. It is, of course, what Easter is all about, but it is easy for us to forget. After a dark time of stress and grief, Rosie is pulling me back into Christ's resurrection light. It is impossible to see Rosie's frantically wagging tail and not share her joy at being alive and being loved (and being given food, of course). 🌊

“Let God's promises shine on your problems.”

Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983), Dutch Christian watchmaker and writer