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Easter 5

WELCOME!

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Revd John Stevenson and thank him for leading our worship.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

ROTAS	14 May	21 May	28 May	04 June
Chalice	Val Hamblin	Morning Service	Val Hamblin	Gill Beardmore
Sidesperson	Margaret Jones	Keith Beardmore	Rachel Horder	Roslyn Loades
Reader	Jackie Hibbert	Gillian Weigel	David Horder	Margaret Jones
Prayers	Vicar	Gill Beardmore	Vicar	Keith Beardmore

4.00pm Afternoon Service

This afternoon Revd Canon Sarah Brown leads our worship.

AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm

14 May	21 May	28 May	04 June
Evensong BCP	Family Communion	Songs of Praise	Family Communion
<i>For those who crave the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>Songs of praise and licensing service.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages</i>

Revd. Sarah invites you to meet her personally from 3.30pm, before the afternoon service each Sunday.

First Reading Acts 7. 55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Reading John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'



REVD. SARAH writes:

Today on this fifth Sunday of Easter our readings demonstrate to us how Jesus points the way to our Almighty Father. It is very easy to focus on Jesus simply as himself. After all he was sent among us so that he might live and die and rise among us and so that we might finally understand what God is like. And because we understand him as a human being it is easy to forget that that is not all he is. Yet in our gospel reading Jesus himself points out that he is the way to the father, the signpost, the one who is like and part of the father. Stephen as he is stoned to death for proclaiming his faith in Christ crucified and resurrected sees the full glory of Jesus and heaven. Jesus shows us what God is like and we must not forget that as we say each week at the Eucharist it is "through Christ and with Christ and in Christ" that we glorify the Father in the power of the Spirit and pray for his Kingdom to come. Speaking of which, next Sunday at 11 Gilly will be talking about an important national prayer initiative of that name between Ascension Day and Pentecost which I would very much like us to be part of. On Ascension Evening itself there is a team service of Holy Communion to be held at Braunston at 7.30 at which we will launch and celebrate that initiative. Do come if you are able. Every blessing, Sarah.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14TH – 20TH MAY 2017

In case you haven't received a Christian Aid envelope through your door, envelopes have also been left on the end of each pew.

Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is to be held on Monday 16th May at 7.30pm in Welton Village Hall. All welcome to attend.

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Please let me know if you would like your name adding to the email list to receive weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.