



The Link

Sunday, 1st June, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Family Communion Service
St Mark's 9am, Tuesday, 3rd June - Holy Communion Service

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HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

785 Such Love

585 All I once held dear

227 Crown him with many crowns

COLLECT:

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice in your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **The Acts of the Apostles**.

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he

brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.

All: Glory to you, O lord.

John 17:20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular for all who live on Ancliffe Lane, Ash Tree Grove, Back Lane, Brier Lea Road, and Broadlands Drive.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Rodney, Angela, Andrea, Stuart, Gayle, and Gaynor.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Graham George Newby, Bessie Barnes, David Roberts, Marjorie Holmes, Jock Burrow, Brian

Nicholas Cooper, Elsie Margaret Tidswell, Catherine Walker, Thomas Park Hill, Hannah Coward and John Edward Ellis.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER :

Eternal God, giver of hope 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. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church 🌸: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Memory of John Joseph Gerard Lane.

Parish Finance: Inspired to give right now? There is always a collection plate for cash donations before, during and after services in church. We also have a 'tap-and-go' machine by the main door. You can also simply download our Giving page by scanning the QR code and use your card. Your donations are needed, and gratefully received. Thank you.



Tuesday 3rd June, 1.30pm First Tuesday Hub at Holy Trinity: Keith Budden will be giving an insight into a year in the life of 'The Mayor' - plus all the regular features. Everyone is welcome and it's free!

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Tuesday, 3rd June, 10.30am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, 3rd June, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 3rd June, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room

Wednesday, 4th June, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU Corporate worship, Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday, 4th June, 7.30pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 6th June, 7pm: First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 8th June, 9.15am: All age service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 8th June, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday, 8th June, 10:30am: Sunday Pentecost Service in church and on Zoom (non-communion), Holy Trinity.

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