



Notices for 18th of May 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

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.

Hymns:

- 474** Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- 386** Be thou my vision
- 311** Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
- 284** Bread of heaven
- 557** Praise to the holiest in the height

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so

now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post-communion prayer:

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.

Vacancy News – Peter & Dan

The Bishop of Guildford is delighted to announce that Rev Canon Dr Joshva John Christopher has been appointed as Vicar at Cuddington. He is currently Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre at the British and Foreign Bible Society in Swindon.

He will be licensed at Cuddington on **Weds 9th July at 7:30pm**. Together with his wife Rachel, they will visit us on Sunday 18th May to participate in our normal worship and informally meet members of the congregation for coffee afterwards.

Parish Office - Please be aware that the parish office will henceforth be publishing pew notices on Thursdays. Requests for notices will need to be received by close of business on Wednesdays to be included.

8am SERVICES will be held only once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

Dates for your diary

PRAYER CHAIN. If anyone would like to start a prayer chain message between 11th and 20th May please contact Rod and Christine Clarke on 020 3478 6917.

Saturday 17th May The Women's Group will be meeting, we will be having a Beetle Drive, which can get very competitive! Do come and join us. We meet at 10.00am for coffee and cake and finish by 12 noon.

Saturday 7th June Songs and Lunch, from 11.30 until 2.30, Wendy Edwards is coming to sing some popular songs with some singalong numbers included. Tickets are on sale from Sunday 20th April and cost £10 to include a ploughman's lunch.

Saturday 14th June Big Day Out, Shadbolt Park 10.30am-3pm. We are planning to have a plant stall to raise funds for St. Mary's. If you are able to help out on the stall or provide some plants, then please email crabdo2025@gmail.com

The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -

Lunch with guest singer Wendy Edwards - Saturday 7th June

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 29th June

Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October *Enquiries: Sara & Daphne*

We would like to hold a raffle at the singalong on Saturday June 7th. If you have any unwanted gifts that you can donate, please leave them in the box at the back of the Church.