

St George



'I am the vine, you are the branches'

Fifth Sunday of Easter 2 May 2021

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Parish Church for our Service.

There is **Junior Church** for families today at 11.00am in church

ACTS

The Acts of the Apostles might be called, 'A history of the rise of Christianity'. The author is commonly taken to be St Luke, with the third Gospel and Acts probably being two parts of a single book. Whilst Acts does have historical value, Luke's main interest lies in the action of the Holy Spirit in motivating the expansion of Christianity.

SUPPORT

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Acts 8.26-40 One of St Luke's most powerful stories, the story of the Ethiopian eunuch, who is baptised by Philip and receives the Holy Spirit, is also the story of the Gospel becoming a missionary faith outside of Judaism.

1 John 4.7-21 The passage and that of 1 Corinthians 13, are the classic reflections on love. The author presents the theology that supports love's primacy: 'God is love'.

John 15.1-8 The allegory of the vine and the branches offers insight into the way the early Christian community saw the redemptive relationship between God, Jesus and the faithful. Vines grow very slowly, but in the meantime, whilst bearing no fruit, they still require careful tending.

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Junior Church Service for families will take place at 11.00am this morning in church.

Monday 3 May is a Bank Holiday and the church will be closed on that day.

Deanery Confirmation 7 Nov 2021 - For those who would like to find out more about faith and participating more fully in the life of the church, please speak to Joan after the service or email the office.

Local Elections 6 May 2021 - Bromley Council have asked us to remind voters that the elections will be taking place with COVID 19 precautions.

Christian Aid Week 9 - 16 May 2021 volunteers are needed! There are 2 ways to raise money. **1.** Putting envelopes through peoples' doors but not collecting them. People may donate online. **2.** A stall outside the church on **Sat 15 May** to support a CTiB sponsored walk from **10am - 4pm**. I need people to help run the plant stall (all plants donated will be gratefully received!), craft stall/raffle tickets sale for this year's quilt. If you would like to do the sponsored walk (approx. 5 miles round Beckenham churches) let me know. Stall volunteers do not have to stay the whole duration. Please let me know if you can help (8289 5675) or speak to me after a Sunday morning service. Thank you, Fiona Byers, St. George's Christian Aid Rep.

Ascension Day - Thursday 13 May 12.30pm Eucharist in church.

APCM 2021 Mon 24 May at 7.30pm via Zoom - please email the office to advise of attendance. The Zoom invitation will be send out on the day of the meeting.

Zoom Coffee Mornings - Rev Maggie will continue with these popular Wed morning zooms at 10.30am until further notice. Please contact the office to be included.

Thy Kingdom Come - Thur 13 May to Sun 23 May - During which time we shall post special prayers on our website under the Latest News tab and on our Facebook page.

intercessions

Please pray for those who are sick

Pam Carpenter

John Emly

Nick Sales

Lesley McLetchley

Sylvia Walker

Louise Williams

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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.
Amen