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SUNDAY 25th April 2021 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

So many of our images of Jesus are as 'The Good Shepherd'. In John's Gospel Jesus compares his care and love for the world as like that of a good shepherd who, by his devotion and constancy to his flock become familiar to them. They recognise his voice and put all their trust in him, knowing that he would probably give his life to save them. Only by daily communication with Jesus can we hope, expect to have this same relationship, this intimacy, this knowledge of each other, this recognition. And Jesus says, not only does he have responsibility for those already in his fold but also for the rest, for those outside, the hesitant, the strays. And so as Jesus' eyes and ears and hands and feet on earth now, and from the comfort of our place inside the fold, perhaps we should always be aware and be responsible for, of the seekers and searchers, and strays that we come across.

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NOTICES

Confirmation

The Bishop of Ebbsfleet will be joining us at S. Saviour's on Friday 30th April to confirm our candidates at 7pm. Please do continue to pray for them, and if you are able, join us for the celebration.

Ordination

Fr Glen will be ordained to the sacred priesthood (DV) on Saturday 26th June at 12noon. That service will take place at S. Werburgh's. He will offer a Votive Mass in honour of S. Joseph on Sunday 27th June at 7pm, this will be the first occasion on which he will celebrate as principal celebrant and therefore it will be the main eucharistic celebration of the day and will take place at Holy Trinity. There will be a brief said mass at 9am at S. Saviour's which will be the mass of the day. You are welcome at both, however if you are only going to come to one mass please try and make sure that it is the evening one as a first mass is a hugely important part of the life of any priest. It is also hoped by that point the restrictions on social distancing will have been lifted and so proper celebrations may be had and lifts given if necessary.

The following Sunday, the 4th July Fr Glen will offer his first parish mass, this will be at S. Saviour's at 11.30am and will be the only mass of the day.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect.*

Priest + In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
and, striking their breast, all say
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Together we say the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
+ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

*The priest then prays the **Collect** which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we **sit** for the readings, which come from the Acts of the Apostles, followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12/9

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

At the end:

Reader The word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

The Response is:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

At the end:

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

We stand as the Gospel is heralded

Priest Alleluia, alleluia.
 I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own
 know me.
All **Alleluia.**

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Deacon + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

At the end:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will

come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father, and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Following the Creed we sit.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times)

The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him as we stand:

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right and just.**

The priest goes on to say the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to us. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of both the Last Supper, and Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*All **kneel or sit** and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.*

Priest The Mystery of Faith
All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
 your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honour is yours,
 for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

*All **stand** and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer*

The Communion Rite

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into
 temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**
Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray...
All **For the kingdom,
 the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.**

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
 sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
 my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion.

*If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist** or **The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection**? Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**
Priest May Almighty God bless +you...
All **Amen**
Priest Go forth the mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

*We **remain standing** and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass.*

Prayer List

As we are returning to public worship now seems to be the ideal time to update the list of the sick particularly. If you would like particular names included let Fr Andrew know. Names on the pewsheet will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheet is for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick And Those In Need

Jack, Terry, Pamela, Fr Chris, Fr Ron, Audrey, Gwen, Doreen, Rob, Staurt, Daisy, Jean, Pete, Mike and Amina

The Recently Departed

Grace Leech

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day of rest is Saturday and Fr Glen's is Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them as they take some down time

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 26th April *Easter Feria (W)*

(for the repose of the soul of Grace Leech)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

Tuesday 27th April *Easter Feria (W)*

(for ears to hear the voice of Christ)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 28th April *Easter Feria (W)*

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 29th April **S. Catherine of Siena, V & Dr (W)**

(for diplomats)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Friday 30th April S. Pius V, PM

(for our candidates for Confirmation)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

12noon Mass (HT)

Evening Prayer will be said privately this evening

7.00pm Mass with the administration of the sacrament of Confirmation (SS)

Saturday 1st May S. Joseph the Worker (W)

(for the NPTM on its first anniversary)

10.00am Holy Communion (SW)

Sunday 2nd May **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W)**

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SW)

10.30am SAID PARISH MASS (HT)

11.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SS)

7.00pm Compline (Zoom)