

Notices

FLOWER FESTIVAL: Please think about how you will be able to contribute and help at this annual event. Lynne is organising a raffle and would appreciate contributions of money so that she can buy suitable items for the hampers. Arrangements of flowers can be costly, so some money contributions would also be helpful. There are labelled envelopes on the safe for contributions or contact Lynne Barkes or Christine Penney directly. Posters are available to distribute. There will be a tombola stall so suitable items will be much appreciated from 19th May. From the beginning of May there will be lists to sign, as we will need welcomers, helpers in the kitchen area and lots of cakes, scones, sausage rolls to ensure the 4 day event is really successful. Any questions, suggestions or problems, please contact Gill Graper.

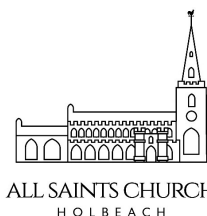
Our **Alpha Course** will be running on Thursday Evenings at 7pm from the 2nd May, it is an informal and friendly way of exploring faith and an ideal opportunity to invite friends. Please register your interest on our website at <https://allsaintsholbeach.org.uk/alpha-course/> or scan this QR Code



Please contact Caz our Deanery Administrator to add any notices/events to this pew sheet.
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All Saints Church, Holbeach

**28th April
2024
Easter 5**



We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all, a place of welcome.

Gluten free wafers available on request.

Do join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service.

Today

10.30 am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Sherine Angus

Hymns 511 O Lord My God
475 Now The Green Blade Rises
60 Beauty for Brokenness
O Taste And See OR Now The Green Blade Rises
82 Bread of Heaven
9 Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

6.30 pm Evensong

Leader & Preacher: Revd Sherine Angus

Psalm 96
Hymns 303 I Cannot Tell How He Who Angels
Now The Green Blade Rises
253 Hail Gladenning Light
354 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

For your Prayers

Sick Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Michael Bland, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Julie, David & Val Arnold, Roger Quested, Betty Goodman, Harry Pollard, Rosemary Carter, Ann Onyett, Dawn Walker, Ann Hector, Alan Marshall

RIP Martine De Carnys, Dorothy Rudkin, Joyce Roberts, Calvin Bishop

In Memorium Bryan Thompson, Dorothy Keeling

The week ahead

Weds 1st - 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Services for 5th May – Easter 6

10.30 am All Age Worship
18.30 pm Holy Communion (BCP)

**Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed.
Please place any donations to the church in the plate on the way into church.**

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COLLECT

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,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:
 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
 so he does not open his mouth.
 In his humiliation justice was denied him.
 Who can describe his generation?
 For his life is taken away from the earth.'
 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM 22.25-end

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
 May your hearts live for ever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the Lord;
 and all the families of the nations
 shall worship before him.
²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord,
 and he rules over the nations.
²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow
 down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 and I shall live for him.
³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
 future generations will be told about the Lord,
³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying that he has done it.

SECOND READING 1 John 4.7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

GOSPEL John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

POST COMMUNION

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.