THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT MARY CHURCH LANE, CUBBINGTON CV32 7JT

Priest-in-Charge Reverend Ann HALL SUNDAY 18th May 2025

FOURTH Sunday after Easter – Altar Flowers BETTY STALLARD

Service for today Sunday 18th May

10.00am: Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

<u>Services for</u> Sunday 25th May

8.30am: Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

10.00: All Age Service

Dates for your diary

Thursday 29th May Ascension Day and Gift Day.



Gift Day Gift Day 10am - 4pm Ascension Day Service 7.30pm: Holy Communion

Saturday 7th June Summer Fayre 2.30pm until 4pm Village Hall and Playing Field



THIS COMING WEEK

<u>Tuesday 20th May</u> 10.30am: Little Miracles 7.30pm: Bellringing Practice

<u>Thursday 22nd May</u> 7.30pm: Dale Street Church <u>Reverend Tina Brooker</u> An invitation to St. Mary's congregation to join Revd. Tina at her Testimony Service. It is a formal service where Revd Tina will share her testimony of the journey so far before her ordination on the 29th June. The service will be lead by The District Chair, Reverend Novette.

<u>Saturday 24th May</u> 12noon: Wedding Benjamin Chapman and Megan Bailey

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

THE 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. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Acts 11: 1-18 (P.1105)

Peter Explains His Actions

11 The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

⁴ Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw fourfooted animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

¹⁵ "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God's?"

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even Gentiles repentance unto life."

THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35 (P. 1082) **Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial**

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



A message from St. Mary's Churchyard Workers.

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th May a total of £420.00 was raised.