



**Parish of Paignton**  
St John the Baptist, Paignton  
St Boniface, Paignton



**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension Day**

**Mission Action Plan (MAP):** Today is the final opportunity to complete the Sunday to complete the MAP questionnaire as part of our forward looking end-to-end parish review. If you haven't already completed one please do so before you leave church today so we have your input to help shape a MAP that ensures this parish continues to thrive and build on the great work of those who have gone before us. The next stage is to review the feedback and use it to help shape with you next steps.

**Gardening tools:** We will shortly be starting a gardening project with local churches based in the Foxhole estate and surrounding area. If anyone has any spare gardening equipment which you can donate to this work or wish to be involved, please contact a churchwarden, the Parish Office or Ken Nichols who is leading this project for us.

**Christian Aid Week: 12-18 May 2024.** Christian Aid Week focus' this year on how those who get a little help from Christian Aid are able to push back against the inhumanity of poverty and through hope and faith are able to transform their lives as they seek to fulfil their hopes and ambitions. Christian Aid Envelopes will be put with the Pew Sheet this week & the electronic giving machine will be available.

**Summer Fete:** Save the Date. Our Summer Fete this year will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 11am to 3pm.

**Devon Choir Chorus 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Choral Workshop: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** The Parish Church is hosting the Devon Choir Choruses 3<sup>rd</sup> annual workshop starting from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. The cost for singers is £15 (plus £5 returnable score deposit). A public performance is at 6pm to which all are welcome and the cost is £5 (tickets only on the door).

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

- All who are waiting on the gift of the Holy Spirit;
- All who are struggling with their faith and those in doubt about their vocation;
- All who are seeking to heal divisions that divide peoples and nations;
- All who have lost direction through the distress of misplaced trust;
- All who have broken faith betraying those who trusted them;
- All who need God's love and protection including ourselves and those in need or suffering including those who have asked for our prayers:

*Margaret, Carol, Audrey, Suzanne, Marilyn, Sheila, Kath, Gwen, Simon*

- The souls of those who have died recently:

*Anne Comer, Douglas Jackson*

their families and friends and any whose anniversary of death falls at this time

## Collect:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 1.15–17, 21–end.** *Page 909 of the ESV Bible*

**Psalm 1** – Response: **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are they who | have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked  
nor lingered in the | way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly | of the scornful.

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law | of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law | day and night.

<sup>3</sup> Like a tree planted by | streams of water bearing fruit | in due season,  
with leaves that | do not wither, whatever they do, | it shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> As for the wicked, it is not | so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall | not be able to stand | in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wick | ed shall perish.

**1 John 5. 9-13** *Page 1023 of the ESV Bible*

**John 17. 6-19**

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.  
They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

<sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words  
that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know  
in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am  
asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of  
those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours  
are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the  
world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect  
them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are  
one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given  
me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be  
lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I  
speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in

themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## Study Notes for John 17.6-19

The Last Supper is over; soon Jesus will be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. In meditation, he looks up to heaven; he prays to the Father. This passage comes from chapter 17, often known as Jesus' high priestly prayer where vv. 1-26: have 3 parts:

- Vv. 1-5: Jesus' prayer for himself; may the Father restore him to the place he enjoyed before creation began (v5)
- Vv. 6-19: His prayer for his disciples, *left in the world* after his ascension, and that they may be protected from the evil, be "one" (v. 11) as he and his Father are one, have "joy" (v. 13), and fulfil his mission as his agents in the world.
- Vv. 20-26: His prayer for the Church universal.

V.6 He has made the Father known to those who would believe. To John, the "world", is notable for its unbelief and hatred.) The disciples have been faithful to "your word", to truth, to God, to Jesus' teaching. They have come to realize the relationship of the Son to the Father (v.7); they know Jesus' origin and mission (v. 8). This prayer is on behalf of believers (who are God's), not all people (v.9). Then v.10: belonging to God implies belonging to the Son; Jesus' power and authority have been shown to them. V.11 is written as though Jesus has already risen. Jesus asks four things of the Father:

1. that they may be "one", a unity, as he and the Father are;
2. that they may have "my joy" (v. 13, of eternal life);
3. protection from the influence of evil (v.11);
4. to enable them to fulfill his mission in the world (vv. 16-19).

He has protected them, except for one: Judas. In fulfilment of "the scripture" (v.12), per God's will expressed there, he was "destined to be lost", damned. The disciples have been "*hated*" (v.14), as he was, because they are unlike others, but they (unlike him) continue "*in the world*" (v.11). May the Father set them apart for service ("sanctify", v.17), make them intermediaries between the world and God, offering sacrifice as Jesus did in his death. V.18: In 20:21, in his appearance to the disciples, Jesus tells them: "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you*"

## Questions for reflection

1. What does the Ascension of Jesus mean to you?
2. What does it mean for us to be "one" – as members of this worshipping community, as Christians, as human beings? how could we better respond to Jesus' prayer here?

## This Weeks Diary

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

*Acts 1.15–17, 21–end. Psalm 1. 1 John 5.9–13. John 17.6–19.*

8:00 St John's: BCP

10:00 St John's: Parish Eucharist (Hymns: 147, 230, 141, NH&W 70, 271, 37a)

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### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May- Morning & Evening Prayer

8:30am & 5pm: St John's: Common Worship

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

*Acts 19.1–8. Psalm 68.1–6. John 16.29–end*

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Matthias

*Acts 1.15–end. Psalm 15. 1 Corinthians 4.1–7. John 15.9–17*

09.30 St Boniface: Holy Communion

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

*Acts 20.28–end. Psalm 68.27–28, 32–end. John 17.11–19*

11:00 St John's: Holy Communion

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Caroline Chisholm

*Acts 22.30, 23.6–11. Psalm 16.1, 5–end. John 17.20–end*

6.30pm St John's: Holy Communion

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

*Acts 25.13–21. Psalm 103.1–2, 11–12, 19–20. John 21.15–19*

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

*Acts 28.16–20, 30–end. Psalm 11.4–end. John 21.20–end*

09.00 St John's: Holy Communion

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost

*Acts 2.1–21 Psalm 104. 26–end Romans 8.22–27 John 15.26–27; 16.4b–15*

8:00 St John's: BCP

10:00 St John's: Parish Eucharist (Hymns: 156, 233, 356, 239, NH&W 77)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

9<sup>th</sup> June St Boniface: Patronal Festival 11.15am

29<sup>th</sup> June Vicarage Garden: Summer Fayre 11am to 3pm

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*(Please note that Fr Neil's rest day is Monday)*