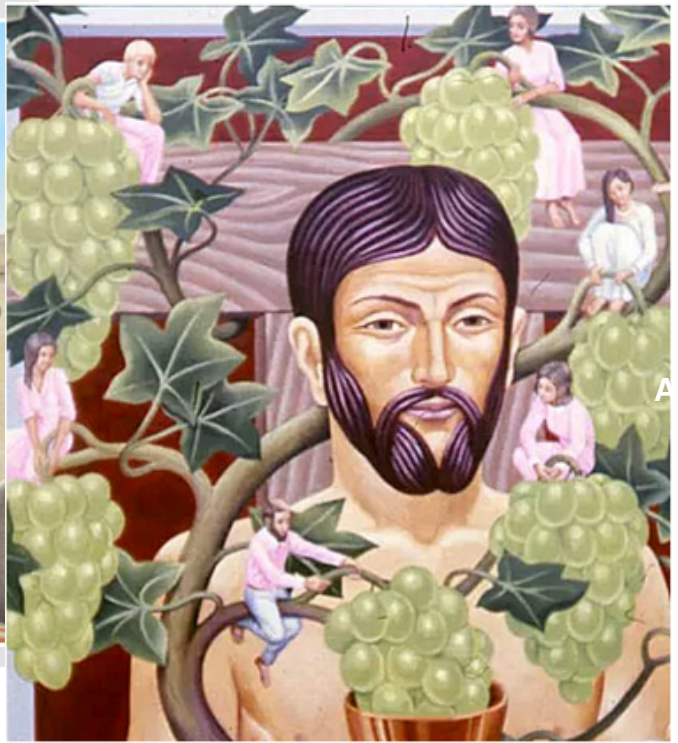


THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL BLACK NOTLEY



Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024 11.00 am Sung Eucharist



Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.



Collect for Today

Risen Christ,

**your wounds declare your love for the
world**

and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage

to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

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.

Amen

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 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 official 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 official, 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 official 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.

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.

Psalm 22:25 - end

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦

I will perform my vows

in the presence of those that fear you.

For the complete Psalm please refer to the Psalter



Intercessions



We pray for all those who are sick at home or in hospital, or homeless; and for:

Gina	Mike	Jason and his Family	Graham	Keith
Arthur and Pauline	Colin and Judy	Mo	Joshua Manning	
Sheila Vince	Alan	Paul	Penny and Mike (Diggins)	
Lauren	Paul Roberts	Lyn and Ian		

We pray for Gaza; and a ceasefire to bring some respite for a suffering people. We remember Ukraine suffering increasing violence.

We pray for all displaced people everywhere; and those suffering violence. We

We pray for peace world-wide.

Important collections

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me.”

1. Babystuff Braintree

0 - 5 clothing and toiletries. See Susan Pedder for more details. Toothbrushes and tooth paste go very quickly



2. The Wethersfield collection Clothing for men and boys



please find boxes in the porch for donations

Holy Communion



Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action. If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail. During this time the choir will be singing. Please do wear a mask if that would make you feel more comfortable.

The Coming Week

[Morning Prayer](#) There will be Morning Prayer this week at 9.00am

Meeting ID 816 8584 2988 Passcode YS2411



Other sites for personal prayer are available at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> or the [Pray-as-You-Go App](#)

Sunday May 5th Said Eucharist 9.30 am

Readings: Acts 10: 44 - end; John 15: 9 - 17; [Psalm 98]

Then **5pm Confirmation Service** at Black Notley

Sunday May 12th 9.30 All-Age Eucharist

[Please note 9.30 before Flower Festival]

God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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