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**28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**The Ascension of The Lord**

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*Transferred from Ascension Day 25<sup>th</sup> May*

*A warm welcome to you all and please take this pewsheet away with you.*

*Please join us after the service in the Church Hall for tea and coffee.*

### **Today's Services**

**08:00 Eucharist**

**10:30 Parish Eucharist**

### **Parish Eucharist**

*Please refer to the Service Booklet.*

### **Introit Hymn - Christ Triumphant**

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

3) May your reign blaze bright with  
justice  
Reign within our hearts!  
Real and present may all find you,  
flowing through our lives.

4) Suffering servant, scorned,  
ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

5) We your prophets raise our  
voices:  
hymn the trinity!  
May your words of truth to power  
live upon our lips.

6) So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

Words Michael Seward, *et al*  
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## Collect

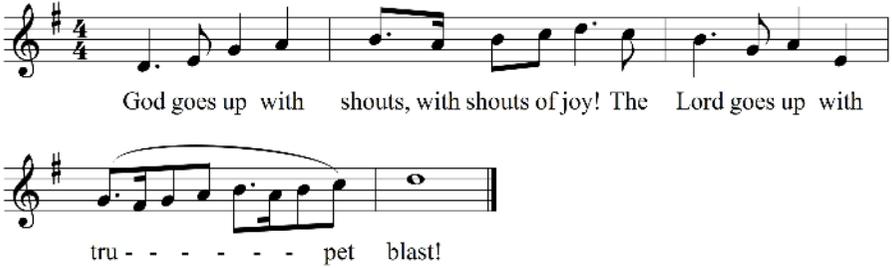
Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Acts 1.1–11

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:* In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

## Psalm 47



1. All peoples, clap your hand,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

## Ephesians 1.15–end

*A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians:*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.**

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia**

### **Gospel: Luke 24.44–end**

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

### **Offertory Hymn:**

207 - Heaven shall not wait

### **Anthem:**

‘Jesus Be The Centre’. Words and Music - Michael Frye

### **Communion Hymn**

335 - Meekness and majesty

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Recessional Hymn  
Lift High the Cross**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his glorious name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!  
if we are silent, even stones cry out. *(Refrain)*

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,  
teach us compassion for each human life. *(Refrain)*

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme,  
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. *(Refrain)*

Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer with the Son of God. *(Refrain)*

Born, now, in you as prophet, priest and king,  
We live here in service; words of truth we sing! *(Refrain)*

Worlds to be born and children yet to be  
come, take up this song into eternity. *(Refrain)*

George William Kitchin, Shirley Erena Murray

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**Voluntary:**

Toccata - Eugene Gigout

*Please do join us for coffee in the Church Hall after the service*

**Please Pray for:** those whose lives are affected by the bombing in Manchester.

**Our Schools:** Nyewood C.E. Infant and Junior Schools

**The Sick:** Christine (Neil) Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joanna Holley, John Crompton, Shirley Johnson, Peter Herzog, Rita Thompson, Jason, Brendan Soul, Christine (Robert) Harris, Malcolm Nixon, Clive Blackman, Neil Stanaway, Margaret Richards, Andrew Johnson, Elaine Green, Jean Rose, Ken Scutt, Cherry Ward.

**The Departed:** Ruth Bryant, Rita Hawkins.

# DIARY

## May 2017

### BOOK STALL IN CHURCH ON SUNDAYS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Good quality books urgently required – a box is available in the porch.

## June 2017

- 1st **Churches Together Prayer Concert** ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ hosted by St. Wilfrid’s Church 7:15- 9:15 pm; doors open 6:45pm. Special guest Rev Victoria Lawrence who is an Ambassador for the Cinnamon Network.
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Bognor Carnival** - St. Wilfrid’s in Parade with vintage car and Gazebo in West Park - further details and offers to help please contact Roger Hollingshead ☎ 07860 794295
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Men’s Breakfast** 08:30 Aldwick Hotel. Bookings: Roger Hollingshead ☎ 07860 794295 or Keith Richards ☎ 01243 822808 (*note normally 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday but not in June as hoteliers on holiday*).
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Regis School Concert** at St. Wilfrid’s church NOTE DATE CHANGED.
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Family Eucharist 10:30am** Note change of date for June. Bishop Mark will joining us and will be giving a talk on being a Bishop in.
- 25<sup>th</sup> **‘Pimms and Hymns’** 16:30 – 18:00 in the vicarage garden. Tickets £7 from the Church Office.

## July 2017

22nd **Vintage Tea Party** with Stalls - further details shortly.

### House Groups

**The Monday Afternoon House Group** reconvened on 24<sup>th</sup> April and meet in the Committee Room at Church

14:30 - 16:30. ☎ Gill Hutchison 01243 827990

**The Thursday Evening House Group** reconvened at 19:15 Furse Field on 4<sup>th</sup> May. ☎ Linda Beckley 01243 840772

### Gift Aid Envelopes

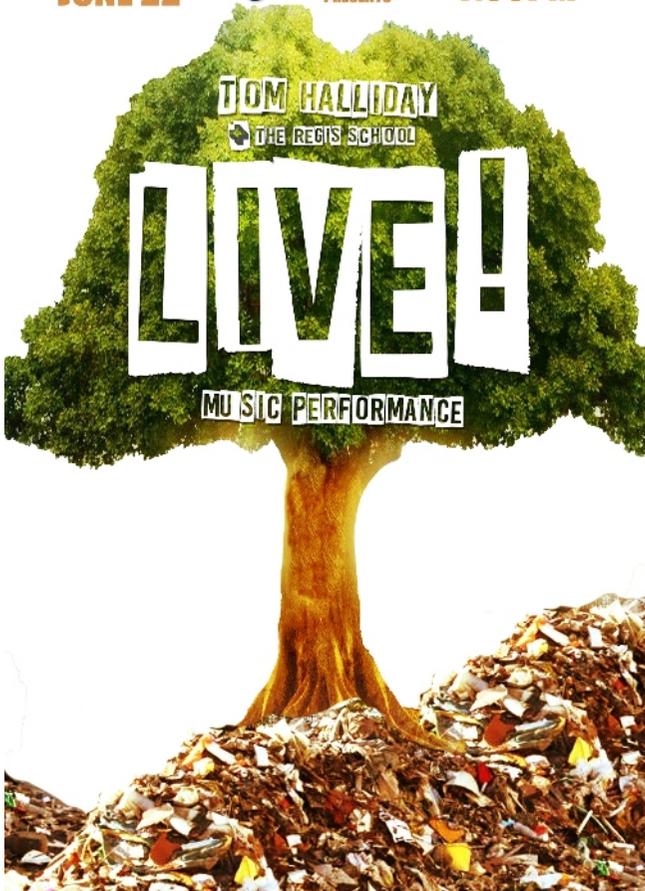
If you pay Income Tax please use one of the gift aid envelopes as this will increase your donation by 25%.

ST WILFRIDS CHURCH  
JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>



The Regis School  
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PRESENTS

FREE ADMISSION  
7:00PM



## A Special Prayer - the Diocese of Manchester

God of compassion,  
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;  
accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by the bombing in Manchester;  
We pray especially for those suddenly facing a future without a child, parent or  
loved one,  
young ones who are in deep distress  
those who are injured, traumatized or awaiting news  
strengthen them in their hour of need,  
grant them perseverance and courage to face the future  
and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;  
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Bognor Prayer Concert

Hosted by St  
Wilfrid's Church,  
Ellasdale Road, PO21 1QG

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**7:15-9:15pm**

**Doors open  
6:45pm**

Special guest Rev Victoria Lawrence is an Ambassador for the Cinnamon Network, and she will share about this exciting enabler for social action projects.



## THY KINGDOM COME

Join the global wave of prayer

Come and pray for community volunteers. YOU are the answer to our prayers! To be involved, get in touch - [benlenev@gmail.com](mailto:benlenev@gmail.com)



### Services in the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> May Easter 7

Mon	29 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Eucharist	
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Eucharist	Joséphine Butler, Joan of Arc
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup> May	17:00	Evening Prayer	<b>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>
		18:30	Eucharist	
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> June	10:00	Eucharist	Justin, martyr
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10:00	Eucharist	
		12:00	Funeral	Rita Hawkins
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10:00	Prayer	Before the Blessed Sacrament
		11:30	Eucharist	Martyrs of Uganda
		17:00	Evening Prayer	
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> June	08:00	Eucharist	<b>Pentecost</b>
		10:30	Parish Eucharist	