

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Passcode **834900**

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Passcode: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-call or communicate with one another.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 22. 25-31

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. **[R]**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him. **[R]**

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

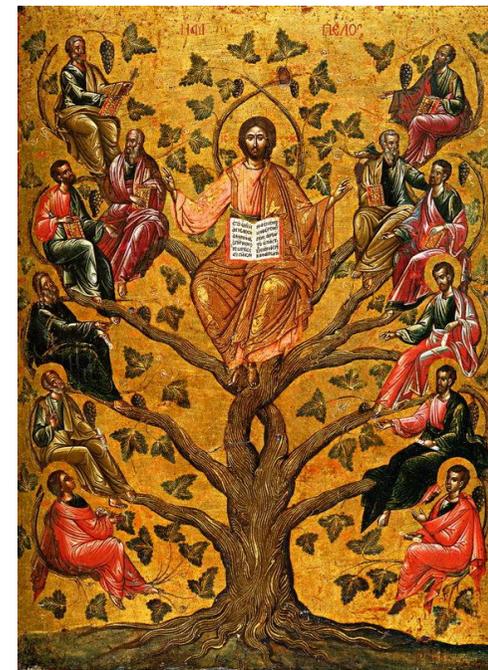
They shall come and make known his salvation,

to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. **[R]**

Restless with grief and fear, the abandoned turn to you: in every hour of trial, good Lord, deliver us, O God most holy, God most strong, whose wisdom is the cross of Christ. Amen..

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday of Easter, 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.



Christ the True Vine icon (Athens, 16C)

An anthem for today

You might like to listen to the anthem *I Am the Vine*, by American sacred choral music composer Robert G. Farrell. It's available on [YouTube here](#).

Our Children & Young People – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet on Sunday, do explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page: this week there's a brand new video with a fabulous worship song: Oh Wow! (Awesome God) – from *Cheeky Pandas*, who feature at the ever-popular Christian Festival Spring Harvest!

- There's a **printable sheet** which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.
- In these 50 days when we celebrate Easter, we remember some of the things Jesus said; so you might like to share in this week's **Godly Story**, 'I Am the Vine'. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's [here](#).
- You might like to have input into / join the **Families Minister Working Group** (see other page) .
- **Tiny Tots** is back, in a new and exciting way and **Bridge Youth** is meeting online: see other page for details on both.



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter



The church is open for personal prayer from 11am to 1pm every day

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Piano music is played on Tuesdays 11-11:30am and on Fridays 12-12.30pm.

Prayer between 11-11.30am on Wednesdays will have Tiny Tots alongside.

Notes from Open Forum to discuss music and worship – The notes from the recent forum are available [on our website's Music Page](#). We hope a subsequent step soon will be face-to-face discussion, but it was good to start talking. One outcome we're hoping for is the recommencement (and re-imagining) of the Director of Music appointment process.

Holiday Bible Week – “The committee continues to meet online to pray and plan for HBW 2021. We are sad to say we cannot hold HBW in person this year for all the safety of all involved. **HOWEVER** - we are feeling **very hopeful** as we explore plans for an online virtual HBW with entertaining games and teaching for children of our town! We need your help to do this: do you or anyone you know have the skills to help with producing material to share online - perhaps in filming or sound mixing? Or do you want to be involved with the live week? There are lots of plans and ideas for this online adventure so people would be joining this team effort. **Please email in the next week:** David King davidholidaybibleweek@gmail.com or Sue Vassell h14vas@yahoo.co.uk”

Could you offer your talents as a steward for a maximum of two hours once a week? – We have been blessed with wonderful stewarding support for nearly a year now. Whilst current restrictions are in place we still need stewards and would love to continue to open the church each day. Everybody who visits is very grateful for the church being open for prayer. Could you assist? Please contact Rosemary if you're interested: 758389

CSG Red Bucket Appeal for St Vincent volcano eruption – The Diocese of the Windward Islands (where St Vincent is situated) has been our companion diocese for over 20 years. Bishop Alan has sent a request to churches for prayers and donations, “There are many needs associated with the impact of the eruption on the island including the displacement 20,000 people. Many of these are in emergency shelters, some of which are provided by the Diocese. There will be substantial needs for rebuilding and renewal in the months and years to come”. The red bucket will be in church until 23rd May. For donation by bank transfer rather than cash/cheque (to St Michael's PCC Missions) [click here](#).

Parish Register for April

We remember in our prayers the family of Derek Hughes and Philip Smith, whose funeral took place this last month. We also remember Nicholas Weight whose ashes were interred in Bishop's Stortford Cemetery.

We give thanks for the weddings of Pascal & Septina Njie and Elliot & Emily Hathaway who were married in April and ask God's blessing on them in their married lives.



Prayers for our Community in Church and via Zoom, Saturday 1st May 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358 / Code 435609). All welcome.

Bridge Worship this Sunday 2nd May, 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom – We hope and pray this will be the last session where we're worshipping remotely. We'll be thinking and praying around the subject of new beginnings as we look to a fresh start to our worship and fellowship in the autumn term.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 5th May, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 5th May, 11 for 11:15am – Following the success of our recent launch we're delighted to be meeting each week once again - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Social distancing measures and Covid precautions will be in place.

Alpha Youth Series, Sunday 9th May, 7:30-9pm – Our ninth and final session and the topic for the evening will be - 'Church: What About the Church?' We'll look at why the church is important and ways we can continue to be a community dedicated to Jesus and spreading and sharing the Good News of the Gospel. Join via Zoom (ID: 869 9900 8274, contact Al Evans for Passcode at bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com).

A note for your calendar for Ascension Day, Thursday 13th May – We'll be celebrating with an Ascension Day Communion with Music at 7:30pm, also on Zoom.

APCM, 23rd May after 10am service – We invite nominations for PCC members and Churchwarden elections, please note that the nomination forms are in church and completed forms should go to Christine Solway, via the Parish Office. Look out for the APCM documentation which is nearly complete and which we plan to publish on the website as soon as possible.

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

The Stations of the Cross and the Stations of Easter – The reflections are available as an A5 printout on the [prayer page](#) of our website in case you'd like to revisit them.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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