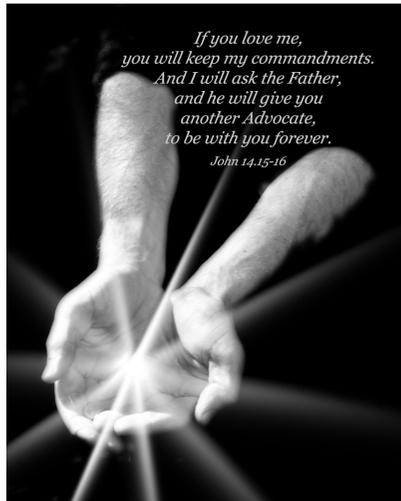


*Theme: I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



*If you love me,  
you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you  
another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.  
John 14:15-16*

We very much appreciate all those who support the work of All Saints' Church through regular donations whether through the envelopes or being members of the Planned Giving Scheme.

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Thank you for whatever you are able to give to keep our church financially viable and paying its way.

## Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church

17th May 2020

*6th Sunday of Easter*



### Today we pray for:

*those with birthdays:* Vaughan Mace (10) & Kellie Rose

*the sick:* Claire Wood, Sandra Gait & Louise Pike

*the anniversaries of death of:* John Perry, Jill Dale, Charles I  
John Benton, Bernard Eyre, Chris Hardiment,  
Richard Flemming, Vanda Wieckowska, Lord Garner,  
Mary Wood, Susannah Boizot, May Rofe &  
Betty Kathleen Berrisford



## Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## 1st Reading

Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17

*Theme: They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

65: 1-7. 16-20

**℟ Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' ℟

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
Shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. ℟

He turned the sea into dry land,  
They passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. ℟

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject  
my prayer  
Nor withhold his love for me. ℟

*Psalm from The Psalms: a New Translation, published by HarperCollins Publishers Ltd © 1963 by the Grail (England)*

## 2nd Reading

1 Peter 3: 15-18

*Theme: In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

*Scripture readings are from the Jerusalem Bible © 1966 Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Company, Inc.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 14: 15-21

