

Today is the start of Christian Aid Week in the UK – so over the next few weeks we will be supporting their important work as our Charity of the Month. This year they are focusing on helping the victims of the hurricane in Haiti where 18 months on, families are still living in incredible poverty and temporary accommodation. “Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.”

Please give generously – Visit their website for more information and Prayer Resources:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>

Royal Strawberry Teas & Wedding

Celebration: Sat. 19th May *Tickets available today*

Fun Night: Monday 21 May @7.30pm with Beetle Drive, Mini-Quiz, Bingo....!

This Wednesday the Fellowship Group meets & over the next few weeks will follow a course based on Ephesians – called *Transformed Life*. It looks at answering three of life’s key questions: Who am I? Where do I belong? & What am I Living for?

Guided by Rev’d Bill Boyce, everyone is welcome (visitors & regulars, alike!) as we all are each week.

Next meeting of St Andrew’s Council is on Sunday 20th after the 10am Eucharist

Christian Stewardship:

Our Giving on Sundays is always about our response to God’s love for us, not just about paying the bills - ‘Count your blessings,’ as they say! Last Sunday’s collection was 434.75€ and 87.97€ from recent social/fund raising events. We also receive on average 776€ through monthly UK/Spanish standing order Offerings. *It costs around 6,393€ each month to maintain our chaplaincy ministry (an increase of 1,092€ from 2017).* Unlike other Diocese in the C/E, the Diocese of Europe does not provide Chaplaincies with any financial support for ministry.

Don’t forget: Items for Caritas, please & also small change for Church Funds - *we’re still collecting!* and we would also like books for the Wednesday Coffee Morning bookstall ~ *thank you!*

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The
Anglican
Church

in Port de Pollença

Saint Andrew’s

Sunday 13 May 2018

Welcome to our Sung Eucharist today on Ascension Sunday

A special welcome if you are visiting. If you require Gluten-free Altar bread – please have a word with one of the Welcomers.

Hymns: 120; 273; 37; (35); 212

Do join us for refreshments after the Service, which are served at the back of church

If you pay tax in the UK and are visiting – please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal. Please complete all the details required - Thank you!

Prayer Ministry is offered during Holy Communion: Just make your way to the Quiet Room at the front of Church after receiving Holy Communion & someone will be there to pray with you or for you.

During the week:

- Tues 15th 12.00 Chaplaincy Council meets in at Ss Philip & James, Palma
- Wed 16th 10.30am-1pm **Coffee Morning** - homemade cakes, & more – *come & support us!*
7.30pm Fellowship Gp meets in Church
- Thurs 17th 12.30pm Eucharist (said)
- Sat. 19th 12-4pm Strawberry Teas & Royal Wedding extravaganza....

Next Sunday: 20 May 2018

Pentecost Sunday – 10.00am Sung Eucharist

To help you prepare for worship next Sunday why not look up the readings we will use at:
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

During the week please pray for:

Those in need: *see list over*

Recently Departed: Fr. Peter Edwards

May Anniversaries: Eric Garrett, Dennis Whitelock, Oliver Winstanley, Tony Marston, Ian Ferguson, Mike Webster, Ray Mallett

ASCENSION SUNDAY

OPENING PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING (Acts 1:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. It is he had said what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 24:44-53)

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "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.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Thought for the Week:

Be A Lover of Silence

If you love truth, be a lover of silence. Silence, like the sunlight, will illuminate you in God, and will unite you to God. Love silence: it brings you a fruit that tongue cannot describe. In the beginning we have to force ourselves to be silent. But then there is born something that draws us to silence. May God give you an expression of this 'something' that is born of silence. After a while, a certain sweetness is born in the heart, and you are drawn almost by force to remain in silence.

Kenneth Leech

Praying for one another during the week:

For the worship, work & witness of this Chaplaincy.

For the work of Christian Aid and the people they will help this week

David, Gordon, Eli, Mike Beardmore, Anna, Rosie Dobson, James, Chris, Brian, Mary, John Blott, Joyce, Annie, Ken Mario Robert, Georgeann Tisdale, Jesus Robert, David, Annie Forbes, Evelyn & Donald MacLeod, Melvyn Rowland, Thomas & Angela Ingham, Tony, Dale, Dennis, Burns family, Sebastian, Vera Drinscoll, Malcolm, Danny & Grace, Tim & Verity, Dermot, Theo, Dene, Kenny McColligan, Marcus, Joseph, Sam, Ken, Sarah, Luke & Ellie, Stuart, Taylor & Haydon, Norman, Sharon, Alison & David, Penny, Lucie, Ivan Cambell, Tony, Gareth, Damian Walker, Emma, Sue, Liz, Derrick, Pat Lockett, Jessica, Victoria, Bill & family, Peter Williams, Lynn, Sophie, Josh & baby Dylan, Jo Fluff & family, Farin Marvich, Jerry, Don Bradshaw, Graham Wiseman, Clive L, Gerry C, Tom & Angela Ingham, Louise MacIntosh, Sandra Llull, Steven Smith, Dee, Beatrix, Pauline Greenwood, Rose, Emma & family, Hilda, Bev & Kev, Lynn Hughes. David Potts. The recently bereaved.

