



St Matthew's Church

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to St Matthew's, which is part of the Wimbledon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, Church of England. Our services today are: 8.00am Said Mass and 9.30am Sung Mass.

At the 9.30 service, children are welcome to use the crèche, or join: Pebbles (3-5 yrs) in the hall; or Godly Play (5-11 yrs) in the Lady Chapel.

Opening Voluntary

Prelude to Act I of Parsifal (central section, Holy Dove and Holy Grail themes) - Richard Wagner (1813 - 1883)

Processional Hymn

NEH 352 *Crown him with many crowns*

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading

Acts 1.6-14

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.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68.1-10

R. Our God is a God of salvation.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;
as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God. **R**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R**

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Israel. **R**

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

The Gospel

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Offertory Hymn

NEH 130 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Communion Antiphon

This is the prayer of Jesus: that his believers may become one as he is one with the Father. Alleluia.

Communion Motet

The strife is o'er, the battle won - Henry Ley (1887 - 1962)

Melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch, Jena 1609;

Words: Latin, 17th century,

Tr Francis Potts (1832 – 1909), NEH 119, vv. 1-3 & 5

Communion Hymn

1 There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. *Thank you...*

3 When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place. *Thank you...*

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Final Hymn

NEH 443 *Rejoice the Lord is King*

Closing Voluntary

Toccata

Théodore Dubois (1837 1924)

News and Notices

WE WELCOME Rev'd Clive Gardner, Vicar of St Mark's, who is preaching and presiding at the 9.30am service. It is 'Pulpit Swap Sunday' in the Team, and Mthr Helen is preaching and presiding at St Mark's church.

HUSTINGS There will be Hustings for General Election candidates on Thurs 1 June, 7.30-9pm in Trinity URC church. Anyone is welcome and if you want to submit a question, please see the poster which tells you how to do it.

BE A GOVERNOR Would you be interested in being a Governor at St Matthew's School? We have some places coming up. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Alex Merriman or Mthr Helen.

RECTOR'S REPORT The Rector would like members of the Team churches to have access to her thoughts as presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Please pick up a copy from the back of the church.

HEATHLAND COURT LUNCH CLUB At Heathland Court on Parkside, is a free lunch club with singing afterwards, for people living in and around Wimbledon/Raynes Park. If you would like to go, have a look at the poster on the notice board. The next lunch is 31 May at 1230.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION DAY If anyone is interested in going on the Children's Formation Day, specifically looking at the more Anglo Catholic end of the spectrum, on 10th June, then please see the poster on the notice board and/or have a word with the Vicar.

VOCATIONS FAIR, Tues 6 June, 6:30-8:30pm at St George the Martyr, Borough, SE1 1JA. An opportunity to explore, talk to others and find out more about your vocation. There will a welcome and short address by Bishop Karowei of Woolwich, a seminar on discerning your call, and stalls to browse. For more info/to register email Louise.ellis@southwark.anglican.org

WASHING OUR DIRTY LINEN (not in public!) We need some help in washing the purificators and small linens on a week by week basis. If 4 people volunteer then it is only once per month and the equivalent of about 8 handkerchiefs. Thanks

Wimbledon Team Ministry



WEEKLY SERVICES IN THE TEAM

Tuesday	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer Eucharist	St Matthew's 8.30am St Matthew's 10am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mark's 1.00pm
Thursday	Morning Prayer Team Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mark's 12.30pm	St Mary's 8.45am
Friday	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	

PARISH NEWS

TEAM PRAYER ON THURSDAYS. Team Prayer will next be said at 12.30 at St Mark's Church on Thursday 1st June. All welcome.

THE RECTOR IS AWAY THIS WEEK selecting candidates for ordination on behalf of the Church of England.

FOUNTAIN GROUP welcomes carers of the elderly and those with dementia. **On 31st May Kim Smith**, an NHS End of Life care Nurse, will be our guest. For more details please contact Shara Leonard: familyleonard@blueyonder.co.uk.

THANK YOU to all those who supported the **Christian Aid** car boot sale last weekend. The very healthy sum of **£1,263** was raised.

DETAILS OF DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COURSES may be found by following this link:

<http://dioceseofsouthwarksafeguarding.eventbrite.co.uk>. All courses are free of charge and application details may be found here too.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written a **PASTORAL LETTER ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION**. A copy of this is to be found on the parish website: www.parihofwimbledon.org.uk

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON presents **Durufle Requiem** alongside choral & organ works by **Tchaikovsky**. **Sunday 18th June, 7.30pm, St John's Church, Spencer Hill. Tickets £10-25** from www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk or tel: **0333 666 3366**.

WIMBLEDON CHORAL SOCIETY'S concert, an Anthemfest conducted by Neil Ferris, is at **6pm. 10th June, Holy Trinity Church, West Hill**. Music includes Zadok the Priest, Vaughan Williams' Old Hundredth and Parry's I was Glad.

The parish office will be open 9am-2pm, Tuesday, Wed. & Friday this week

Please email news items by **Wednesday** each week to
parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org

The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: 0208 946 2605

Services and Events during the Week

Monday

Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer
No 'All Join In' Toddler Group

Wednesday

8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Said Mass, followed by coffee club

Thursday

No Morning Prayer
12.30pm Team Prayers at St Mark's Church

Friday

8.30am No Morning Prayer

Saturday

Next Sunday

PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13
and John 20.19-23