

Upcoming dates for your diary *(details below)*

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| Family Time Together | 3-4.30pm | Sun 10 th May |
| Coffe & Cake concert – Vicky McCrae saxophonist | 10.15 for 11am | Sat 16 th May |
| Walk Church | 2pm | Sun 24 th May |
| St Martins in the Fields annual pilgrimage | 11-4pm | Mon 25 th May |

Ascension Day Thursday 14th May

This is the day we remember the disciples seeing Jesus taken up to heaven, and there will be a 12noon Communion Service and a 7pm Communion Service.

Thy Kingdom Come: 15th - 23rd May

You are invited to join in these nine special days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday, when we will be using some of the materials produced for 'Thy Kingdom Come'. More details via the QR code.



9am Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday) - a 30 minute service with music, a bible reading, prayers and silence.

5pm Evening Prayer (Monday to Friday) - a 20 minute service of prayer and reflection

Midday Bible Study Group Wednesday 20th and 27th May at 12noon.

Join us for the first of our Midday Bible Study groups on the theme of the Ascension and Pentecost, led by Gerry and John Willis. This will be followed by a simple soup lunch for those who can stay.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are interested.

St Martins in the Fields annual pilgrimage. *The walkers last stop before Canterbury is at St Mary's for tea. This pilgrimage from London raises a lot of money for their care of the homeless so we try to make them welcome.*

Offers of help please to make a cake or scones, with list of ingredients, to deliver to church on Sunday 24th or Monday 25th after 11am. Also offers of help for an hour to serve tea and/or wash up. There are two sign-up rotas at the back of church. Speak to Ruth or phone 01227 738395.

Coffee & Cake concert on Saturday 16th May:

This month **local musician and music therapist Vicky McCrea** will play for us: *"A selection for alto saxophone designed to highlight the instrument's unique lyrical qualities and technical versatility. The programme will take you on a vast musical journey, with songs linking to each other to celebrate their interwoven musical connections."*

This is an example of the tremendous gifts of many of those that live among us in our community - definitely a treat not to be missed.

*The next meeting for **Walk Church is on Sunday, 24th May**, meeting at Pluckley Church. This is a combination of a service of worship with fellowshiping & walking through our beautiful countryside.*

Follow the QR code to the website for more information.



Parish Safeguarding Officer vacancy.

We are looking for a Parish Safeguarding Officer (or two Parish Safeguarding Officers) to support the PCC (Parochial Church Council) in the delivery of its safeguarding responsibilities and to be the key link between the Diocese and Parish on Safeguarding matters. For more information, a Role Description and Application Forms please speak to Rev Andrew Edwards, Pippa Kiss or one of our churchwardens.

Archdeacon's Visitation: service for Admission of Churchwardens

Please come to this special service of Evensong, to support and pray for Matt and Laura as they are admitted to the office of churchwarden. Please contact Rev Andrew if you would like a lift.

Mon 15th June 5.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral

Collects and readings

Sun 10th May: Holy Communion

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.

Acts 2: 42-end & John 10:1-10

Sun 17th May: Morning Service

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.

John 14:1-14

Sun 24th May

Acts: 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

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