

Services and Events this week:

Mon 3rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
	2.00pm	Messy Church Meeting
	4.30pm	Open the Book Practice
Weds 5th	10.00am	Support in Loss Group
	7.00pm	Architect Meeting
	8.00pm	Lighting Meeting
Thur 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
Fri 7th	5.15pm	Choir Practice
	10.45am	Memorial Service – Leslie Peck
Sun 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church Fulmodeston
	6.30pm	Healing Service

Refreshments and Stalls on 23rd May:

Refreshments (net) £ 230.00; Stalls £ 123.12; Total £ 353.12. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day 😊

Church Women's Guild

The final event of the year will be their summer lunch at the Hourglass on Tuesday 11th June at 12.00pm (for 12.30). Please contact Moira on 01328 855874 before Thursday 6th June to book a place.

Fakenham Churches Together

The Annual General Meeting of the Forum for the Fakenham Churches Together takes place on Tuesday 11 June at 7.30pm in the Trinity Room. This meeting is open to all – do come along and show your support for our churches working together.

Help with Flowers

Is anybody able to help do the church flowers for the next two weeks to cover for Pamela? If you can, please contact Judith on 01328 864061 – the church pays for the flowers. Thank you.

Modern Day Slavery

What do you know about slavery today, in this county of Norfolk? As a church we are devoting an introductory evening to the issue on Monday, 8th July at 7.30pm in the Trinity Room. Kerry Brighthouse on behalf of The Clewer Initiative will be the speaker, and will be guiding our thoughts through this controversial subject. You may remember that through the efforts of William Wilberforce, the Bill for the Abolition of Slavery went through Parliament in 1833, and yet today there are still 13,000 victims of slavery in the United Kingdom, with many of them living in Norfolk. As Christians it is our responsibility to not only recognise the continual presence of slavery but to do all in our power to challenge and destroy it. Please put this date in your diary now and make a determined effort to come to this important gathering.

Canon Patrick Foreman



2nd June 2019

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

Welcome to today's worship, especially if you are visiting us or here for the first time. You may simply wish to sit, pray, listen and observe and my guiding hope is for us all to feel God's presence alongside us today. We hope that you find our Orders of Service or Prayer Books easy to follow. If you are unsure of anything please do not hesitate to ask someone nearby. If you are a Communicant member in your own church you are welcome to come up to Communion. (If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands folded.) We do have communion wafers that are gluten free – please ask. Refreshments are served after the 10.30am service.

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Today's Worship

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason Leader: Elaine Burbidge (Reader)
2.30pm	Messy Church
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Christ Church Fulmodeston Leader & Preacher: Francis Mason

Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Alan, Bishop Jonathan and Bishop elect Graham Usher;
- pray that our Mission Strategy 2021 may be an effective tool as we seek renewal and fresh inspiration for proclaiming the good news across this diocese;
- the Anglican Church of Mexico: Archbishop Francisco Moreno;
- students who are preparing for or taking exams, SATs;
- those who live or work in Bridges Walk, Massey Court and Olivet Way;
- in the deanery: the Walsingham group of parishes and the Barshams – Priest in Charge, Fr Harri Williams, Bishop Norman Banks – Bishop of Richborough – Assistant Diocesan Bishop;
- those who are unwell or in any kind of trouble including: Mary, Sue & Andrew, Ken, Pamela Thomas and Wynne;
- those known to us who have died recently & their families, Bernard Ash & Valerie Watts;
- the baptismal anniversary of Alfie.

Music today:

Thank you to Jonathan Dodd who is playing for us today.

Hymns: (Green Book) – 191, 333, 186, 327 and 432

We have some large print copies of our hymn books available – please ask.

Collect for the 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father

Amen

Readings today:

Acts 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the

Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17.20-end

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Next week's readings - Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21 and John 14.8-17

Notices

Thy Kingdom Come 30th May - 9th June

From Ascension Day to Pentecost, we are once again being asked to pray that more people may come to know Jesus Christ. We hope to include some mention in our regular services and, in addition, there will be short daily prayer sessions here in church on the other days. Please come along and add your prayers to those of Christians around the world. **Leaflets with dates and times are available at the back of church, please pick one up before you leave.** If you would prefer to join in at home, the leaflet includes some ideas about what to pray for and some prayers for you to use if you wish.

Talking Jesus



If you would like to reserve a place on this course which runs for six Tuesdays in June/July, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, talk to Francis or contact the Rectory Office 01328 862268 - admin@fakenhamchurch.org.uk.

The dates are of the course are:- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June / 23rd & 30th July (7.30-9.00pm)

If you would like to come along but can only attend some of the dates, that will be fine – just let us know which ones you can attend.