

Services and Events this week:

Mon 20th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
	2.30pm	Church Women's Guild AGM at 1 Harp Close
Tue 21st	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed 22nd	10.30am	Open the Book at Fakenham Junior School
Thur 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
	5.15pm	Choir Practice
Fri 24th	6.00pm	Beacon Bundling
Sat 25th	10.00am	Fakenham Makers Market
Sun 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	12.15pm	Baptism of Alfie Goward
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Christ Church Fulmodeston



19th May 2019 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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
6.30pm	Choral Evensong Leader: Francis Mason

Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Alan, Bishop Jonathan and Bishop elect Graham Usher;
- the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of East Anglia and Bishop Alan Hopes. All those being confirmed at All Saints, Weybourne today;
- the Anglican Church of Melanesia: Archbishop George Takeli;
- Fakenham Town Council;
- those who live or work in Butcher Lane, Caslon Close, Highfield Road and High Terrace;
- in the deanery: the Coxford group of parishes – Rector, Fr Edward Bundock;
- those who are unwell or in any kind of trouble including: Sue & Andrew, Ken, Pamela Thomas and Wynne;
- those known to us who have died recently & their families;
- the anniversaries of the late Lilian Speller and Geoffrey Edwards;
- the baptismal anniversary of Henry.

Refreshments and Stalls on 9th May:

Refreshments (net) £ 170.00; Stalls £ 148.69; Total £ 318.69. As always, a huge thank you to everyone involved – your ongoing input and support continues to be very much appreciated.

Messy Church

The Messy Church team need lots of cereal boxes to make into traffic lights on June 2nd (we are thinking about the disciples waiting in Jerusalem as Jesus told them to do). Please bring any you have and Ann will collect them at the back of church. Thanks in anticipation.

Messy Church team

Big Thanks for Big Brekkie

I am overwhelmed each year by the volunteers who come and give their time, effort, donations of goods and money to make our event a success. A huge thank you to all who helped and donated goods (too numerous to mention but you know who you are) and to those who came and enjoyed breakfast with us last Saturday. I also thank Papworth Butchers, Morrisons and Tesco for their generous donations. We raised £360 which is a good amount towards building and sustaining health centres and clinics in Africa.

Margaret Tomlinson

(on behalf of Fakenham Christian Aid Committee)

Bingham String Quartet

A fundraiser concert for the Benefice of Holkham, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea & Wighton takes place at All Saints Church, Wighton on Sunday 19th at 3.00pm. The programme includes music by Brahms, Satie and Nyman. Tickets (which are available on the door are £10 (school children and students free).

Mothers' Union – Goats Lunch

This year's lunch raised a superb total of £181. Thank you to all who supported this event

Notices for the Weekly Bulletin

Notes for the weekly church bulletins should be sent to admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk

Music today:

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

Hymns: (Green Book) 46, 355, 322, 525 and 321

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

Collect for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father

Amen

Readings today:

Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man' has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Next week's readings 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.9-15 and John 14.23-29

Notices

Archbishop of Canterbury to visit National Pilgrimage

The Most Reverend Justin Welby will visit this year's National Pilgrimage and appear as the guest preacher at the Anglican Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham on Monday, May 27. There will be a prayer vigil on the night before and at 12pm on Monday The Bishop of Burnley, The Right Reverend Philip North, will celebrate the Eucharist. A procession through the streets of the village back to the Abbey Grounds will then take place, where Benediction will be given.

www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/the-shrine/the-national-pilgrimage

Talking Jesus

This course, which will be led by Francis, aims to provide Christians with more confidence in talking about Jesus and sharing the Christian faith the summer 'Talking Jesus' will run for 6 Tuesdays on the following dates:-

4 / 11 / 18 and 25 June 7.30 – 9.00 pm
23 and 30 July

The course consists of practical, video-based teaching sessions each with inspirational testimonies and real-life examples from people who are talking Jesus. The goal is to equip participants to make the most of every opportunity to help friends, colleagues and family members to consider Jesus for themselves and to become followers.

To register for this course please contact the Rectory Office 01328 862268 / admin@fakenhamchurch.org.uk or talk to Francis.

