



St James Greenstead Green and St Catherine's Gosfield

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Welcome! Whether you are a visitor, or come to church regularly, we are delighted that you are joining us today. If you are new here, please say hello and make yourself known!

If you do not usually receive communion but would like a prayer said for you while others receive, please keep your hands lowered.



Sunday 23 rd May Seventh Sunday of Easter	
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion Gosfield
9.00am	Sung Communion Greenstead Green
10.30am	Family Service Gosfield
Tuesday 10.00am	Midweek Communion Gosfield
7.45pm	Bellringing St. Catherine's
8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Red Lion
8.00pm	Bellringing St. James'
Thursday 7.00pm	Choir Practice, St. Catherine's
Sunday 30 th May Trinity Sunday	
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion Gosfield
10.00am	Team Service Earls Colne
1.30pm	Wedding at St. Catherine's by Revd. Blore

Editors note: If you would like an event or other message included in the Link please ensure that Mrs Claire Walker has the information before Thursday of the week when the notice needs to be included.

Message can be sent to Claire at claireparishsec@aol.com or dropped off at the Parish office in the St Andrews Centre Halstead.

Please pray for The sick/challenged – Leigh Riley, Pat and Brian, Derek and Beryl Watson, Sarah White, Linda Salter, Mandy Strudwick, Suzanne Dorey and Sam Dorey, Alex, Len Rayner.

Recently bereaved family and Friends of those who have recently died **and those in Years Mind:** Peter Gibbs, Shirley Saul, Christabel Root, Mortyn (Don) Downing, Mary Sizer, George Newman and Annie Trueman.

Prayer for Healing and wholeness in our services. There is an opportunity for prayer for yourself and others at all our communion services. Just pick up a 'praying hands' card and bring it with you to the altar. We are hoping to extend the team of individuals involved in this in coming months.

Team Confirmation - will be held on 7th November in the morning at Earls Colne. This will be in the context of a Team Communion. So there will be no 9 am or 10:30

am services at Greenstead Green and Gosfield that day and the Team Communion planned for 31st October (10am) will now revert to a normal Parish Communion.

St Catherine's Wheel: The PCC have been working a new structure to ensure that the body of Christ at St Catherine's stay vibrant. The notice board at the back of the church contains a picture of St Catherine's wheel. It shows how the live of the church has been divided into 5 areas. Each area consists of 'similar' church activities and has one member of the PCC as liaison point. It aims to share around the responsibility for leadership with the church and ensure that everybody both has a point of contact with the PCC and recognizes that their area of concern and activity is an essential part of the much larger life of St Catherine's. We are indeed the body of Christ working together for the good of God's kingdom, the church of St Catherine's and ourselves. Do chat to Geoff before he leaves or PCC members if you would like to talk about this.

Bayliss' Jobs; with the Bayliss' moving on there are a tasks that will need to find new owners. This list will be updated each week:

Unlocking the Church. This happens most days. It would seem sensible to have a group of people who rotate this task, so that they perhaps do one week out of every 4. If the church is to stay open each day after Easter we need to crack this one. **We will need 4 in total if the Rota is to work. More volunteers please. Without these it will not be possible to put a rota together and the church will remain shut apart from at service times and when events take place.**

Extra members of the rotas for prayers, reading and sidespersons will be needed.

Setting up children's sheets for the service. Each week there is a photocopied sheet available. The packs for this need checking weekly and the sheets photocopying and inserting. Any offers?

Weddings Contact/Officer: Dave Patmore is going to act as wedding liaison officer. Many thanks. If you have any queries or questions please pass them onto him. **If you are able to share or take on one of these tasks do please speak with Geoff, Bob Waters or Laurence Carter.**

Collect. God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Principal Service: Our First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 2 1-21 1 ¶ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 ¶ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

John 14.8-17 [25-27]. Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. 15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 25 ¶ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion. Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**