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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

12th May 2024

HYMNS

Introit 255 (omit vv. 2, 3, 4)

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 47)

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Offertory 16

Communion 12

Recessional 37



COLLECT

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, Jesus Christ sends us into all the world to preach the gospel of reconciliation, confirm us in this work, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Fintan, Ian, Benjamin, Brian

ST GEORGE'S PLAYERS 90TH!

This year, St George's Players celebrate their 90th anniversary! You can find out a bit more about it on their website, <https://www.st-georges-players.org.uk> And please see the flyers in the lobby. Performances will be **Thursday 30 May, Friday 1 June and Saturday 2 June at 19:30 - 21:30** but this year, for the first time, there will also be a **matinee show on Saturday 1 June, 14:00 - 16:00** so for those of you who like to be in bed early, book that one now!



WFG PIMMS & STRAWBERRIES!

The Women's Friday Group's annual Pimms & Strawberries evening will be **Friday 5 July**, with live music and refreshments. Julia, who played at Burns Night, will be performing as will The Astor Violin Duo to bring us a summer evening of light classical, jazz and popular melodies. Doors will open at 19:30 for an 20:00 start. Men welcome too! Tickets cost £12 and will soon be available from Lynne.



GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Our next garden working party is **Saturday 22 June, 10:00—12:00.**

ST CHRISTOPHER'S FUN WALK

Susie and Mo are taking part in St Christopher's Hospice fundraising 'Fun Walk' **TODAY!** I'm sure it's **not too late** to sponsor them so please do support them as they raise money for this great cause!



LUNCH CLUB

We will be having Lunch Club on **29 May and 26 June.** There are sign up sheets available now in the lobby for both dates. Please let us know if you're coming!



SHUT THE DOORS!

Just a note that we've had a couple of incidents of the church being left open with no one inside. If you're leaving, please do make sure the building is locked up.



FILM FOR THOUGHT

Our next meeting is on **Monday 3 June** at 19:30 and we will be discussing 'One Life' with Anthony Hopkins. It's £4.99 to rent on Amazon Prime or £9.99 to buy the DVD.

SUMMER FAIR— SATURDAY 29 JUNE

We are now planning and would like people to start bringing to the vestry contributions such as unwanted gifts, bottles, toys, bric-a-brac, etc.



CHRIST CHURCH CHAPEL ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Every Thursday evening from 18:30 we hold an ecumenical service at Christ Church Chapel, South Road SE23 2UJ, These are quiet, contemplative services and are open to everyone so please do join us.



PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This years' service of Prayer for Christian Unity for church members of all denominations in Sydenham and Forest Hill will be held on **Wednesday 22 May** at 19.00 at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church from material prepared by a group of ecumenical Christians in Burkina Faso.



ST GEORGE'S GHOSTS

Our Youth Group for years 6 and above meets at 18:00 on the last Sunday of the month. **Our next meeting is on Sunday 26 May** for a scavenger hunt. Children currently in year 5 will be very welcome to join our **29 September** meeting when we'll be making pizza.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 May

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 14 May

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Hall: 18:00-19:30 - Brownies

Studio: 18:00-19:30 - Rangers

Wednesday 15 May

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 16 May

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Chapel 18:30 - Ecumenical service

Saturday 18 May

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Sunday 19 May

Church: 10:00 - Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 17:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22 May

Bonhoeffer Church: 19:00 - **Prayer service for Christian Unity**

Sunday 26 May

Church: 18:00 - St George's hosts

Wednesday 29 May

Church: 13:00 - **Lunch Club**

Monday 3 June

Church: 19:30 - **Film for Thought**

NT: Acts 1: 1—11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ While staying^[a] with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’

⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.’

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ 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.’



GOSPEL: Luke 24: 44—end

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.