

Year B Easter 7 12 May 2024
The Sunday after Ascension Day

Collect

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
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The reading from Acts

In those days Peter stood up among the
believers (together the crowd numbered about
one hundred and twenty people) and said,
'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which
the Holy Spirit through David foretold
concerning Judas, who became a guide for
those who arrested Jesus - for he was
numbered among us and was allotted his share
in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us
throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went
in and out among us, beginning from the
baptism of John until the day when he was
taken up from us - one of these must become a
witness with us to his resurrection.' So they
proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who
was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then
they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know
everyone's heart. Show us which one of these
two you have chosen to take the place in this
ministry and apostleship from which Judas
turned aside to go to his own place.' And they
cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias;
and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Silence follows the reading

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked
in the / counsel of the / wicked :
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the as/sembly / of the / scornful.
Their delight is in the / law of the / Lord :
and they meditate
on his / law / day and / night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that / do not / wither :
whatever they / do, / it shall / prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not / so with / them :
they are like chaff
which the / wind / blows a/way.
Therefore the wicked shall not
be able to / stand in the / judgement :
nor the sinner
in the congre/gation / of the / righteous.
For the Lord knows
the / way of the / righteous :
but the / way of the / wicked shall / perish.

Alleluia, alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia

John 17. 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom
you gave me from the world. They were yours,
and you gave them to me, and they have kept
your word. Now they know that everything you
have given me is from you; for the words that
you gave to me I have given to them, and they
have received them and know in truth that I
came from you; and they have believed that
you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am
not asking on behalf of the world, but on
behalf of those whom you gave me, because
they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours
are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
And now I am no longer in the world, but they
are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy
Father, protect them in your name that you
have given me, so that they may be one, as we
are one. While I was with them, I protected
them in your name that you have given me. I
guarded them, and not one of them was lost
except the one destined to be lost, so that the
scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am
coming to you, and I speak these things in the
world so that they may have my joy made
complete in themselves. I have given them
your word, and the world has hated them
because they do not belong to the world, just
as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking
you to take them out of the world, but I ask
you to protect them from the evil one. They do
not belong to the world, just as I do not belong
to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your
word is truth. As you have sent me into the
world, so I have sent them into the world. And
for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they
also may be sanctified in truth.

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MEETINGS

MAC meeting
Monday 13th May ,7pm - St Tydfil's

St David's LCC Meeting
Wednesday 15 May 7pm.
Please note the change of date

CHURCHES UNLOCKED

St David's is taking part in the Churches Unlocked scheme this year. The church will be open from 10am to 4pm every day from 1 June until 9 June. There are various events planned for the week. If you would like to help during these times there is a list at the back of the church to sign up. We would be very grateful for any help during the week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lynda and Viv Price who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary later this month.

The next listening & discernment sessions for the future of the Ministry Area are on:-

Saturday 25th May
9:30-12:30 (bacon baps)
St Tydfil's

Wednesday 29th May
18:00-21:00 (cakes)
St Mary's Merthyr Vale

Monday 3rd June
11:00-14:00 (soup lunch)
All Saints Dowlais

"VOICES FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS"

A service of songs, prayers, readings and meditations for Pentecost



Pentecost Sunday 19 May
St Tydfil's Church 11.00am

NOTICES ABOUT THE NOTICES

Please send notices for this news sheet to Dorothy Evans at dorothy754@gmail.com
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The readings for next Sunday and church news sheets can be seen and downloaded from the St David's and St Tydfil's pages of the Ministry Area website at

<https://www.merthyrtydfilministryarea.co.ukst-davids-church>

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 14 May
10.30am Holy Eucharist, St David's

Sunday 19 May
The Day of Pentecost
9.30am Sung Eucharist, St David's

11.00am
"Voices from the Book of Acts"
St Tydfil's