

## Next Week

12 May 2024

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at St John's at 12.00 after the 10.30am service on 12 May, to elect the 2 Churchwardens for the next year. Churchwardens are leaders in the church, responsible to the Bishop for day to day running of the church in co-operation with, and supporting, the parish priest. Churchwardens are also stewards of the church buildings, fabric and furnishings.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held following the APM, at 12.30pm. This is meeting for all on the electoral roll to hear the review of the parish over the last year, approve the annual accounts, read reports from various groups and activities, and elect PCC Members. This year there are 3 vacancies for PCC members to serve for a term of 3 years.

Being a PCC member is a responsible position of Church leadership, requires attending meetings, and taking decisions about the governance and the ministry of the parish, jointly with the Team Rector.

There are also 3 vacancies for 2 years to serve as Lay Representatives for St John's at Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod Representatives are also members of the PCC, and attend Deanery Synod meetings as representatives of our parish.

Is God calling you to serve Him in one of these roles?

Nomination forms for Churchwardens, PCC members, and Deanery Synod Representatives are at the back of church and should be returned to Maggie Bruno or placed in the box provided.



**Please join us  
for tea/coffee  
after the  
service**



FAIRTRADE

## **A Warm Welcome to Bentham Parish Church St John the Baptist 5th May**



**9am Holy Communion CW Canon Peter Greenwood**

**10.30 Holy Communion Canon Peter Greenwood**

## **Events next week**

**Mon 6th - Fri 10th May** - The contractors will be in church to finish of the snagging and hopefully finally finish things off.

**Wed 8th May** - 7.00 - 8.30 Bell Ringing practice at St John's

**Thurs 9th May** - 12.30pm Lunch Club at Black Bull. Please see Judith

**Thurs 9th May** - 7.30pm Team Ascension Day Service at All Saints

**Sat 11th May** - 10am in church We start a course called "Finding your hidden treasure". More details contact Canon Peter Greenwood

**Sun 12th May** - 9am Holy Communion BCP Said

**Sun 12th May** - 10.30 Morning Worship

**Sun 12th May** - 12.15 APCM Please see the back of this pew sheet.



Thank you to everyone who helped at yesterday's Coffee Morning and Plant sale.

**Thank You!**

## Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## First Reading

### Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

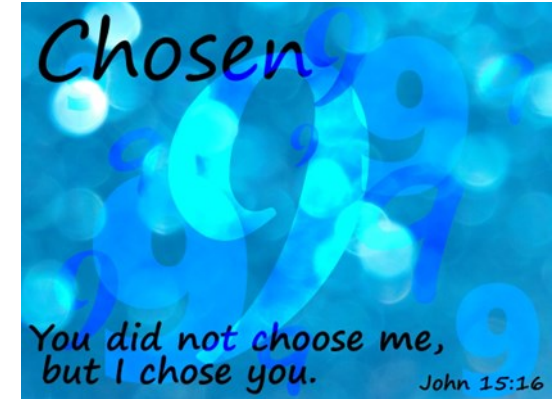


## Gospel Reading

### John 15. 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are

my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



## Prayers for this week of those we know

**We pray for** - those we know who are sick in any way, especially for Michelle Hunter, Sarah Wilson, David Davis, Michael Marshall, Carol Hall, Ann Duncan, Anne Taylor, Hazel Schofield, Bryan Thwaite and any others that we know who are struggling at this time.

**We ask for comfort for** - all those who mourn the death of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Lady Renna Manduell.

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