

## 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 28th April**



**9am Holy Communion BCP  
Revd Steve Rathbone**

**10.30 Morning Worship LLM Judith Johnson**

## **Events next week**

**Wed 1st May** - 7.00 - 8.30 Bell Ringing practice at St John's

**Sat 4th May** - 10 -12 St John's Coffee & Plant Sale in the Town Hall. Please see Judith if you have any spare plants to sell. Please can you help with cakes, raffle prizes, tombola prizes, stalls etc. There is a notice sheet at the back of church to sign. Many thanks Diane



**Sun 5th May** - 9am Holy Communion CW Said

**Sun 5th May** - 10.30 Holy Communion Canon Peter Greenwood

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

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

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

## **Contact Details**

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## Collect for the Forth 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**

### Post Communion

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading

#### Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

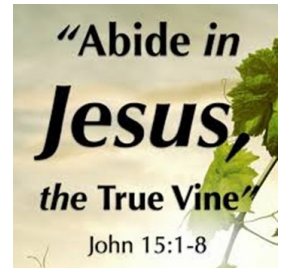


The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### Gospel Reading

#### John 15: 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



### 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.