



**Sunday 24th May – Easter 7
Sunday after Ascension**

***Our common values are:
Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth***

NO PUBLIC SERVICES

We will be holding an online homily this Sunday which will be by Fr Paul Prentice. Checkout the URL link on the website (this week) or below.

<https://youtu.be/51F5cv2hQfg>

To join the online worship service please contact the parish office (details below)

Revd Amanda will be doing a morning prayer service this Wednesday 27th May.

We will continue to hold the parish in prayer during this time.

Please follow us on twitter or Instagram and our website www.stpaulinus.co.uk

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Re-entering of churches for clergy will now begin to take place:

With immediate effect, ministers may now enter their churches for the following reasons:

1. Pray the daily offices
2. Live stream or pre-record worship
3. Celebrate the Eucharist on behalf of the community
4. Ring one bell from the ground floor to announce prayers being said
5. Check the fabric of the building in the course of these duties

FIRST READING Acts 1.6–14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 6 When the apostles 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.' 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

PSALM 68.1–10, 33–36 R Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; [sing praises to the Lord].

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R**
3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful. 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him! **R**
5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places. **R**
7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, 8 The earth shook and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**
9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary. 10 Your people found their home in it; in your

goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. **R**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. **R**
35 Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies. 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11

A reading from the first letter of Peter. 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 17.1–11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 1 Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 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. 9 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. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 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.'

Church Notices

Let us spread the good news that Jesus loves everyone by decorating the number 50 with zentangle patterns.

Why 50?

Pentecost was 50 days after the Passover. The apostles were celebrating the Jewish harvest festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them like a strong wind

They found they could speak in foreign languages and thus they realised they could spread the good news to everyone that God loves us all.

This 50 will remind us that we too must spread the good news of the love of Jesus by actions and words.

The 50 you decorate will be cut out, along with everyone else's, will be used to decorate the notice board. Hopefully, passers by will stop and look and read and realise that they are loved. There are samples of patterns for you to try or you may use your own.

Please hand the finished items in by the 29th May so we can decorate the boards by the 31st May. This is not just for the craft group. Do have a go, as the more who respond, the bigger the message on the notice board.

Do you know anyone who needs any help during this crisis?

Please think of those who live near to you who may need some groceries or just a call to ensure they are okay. If the church can be of any help please pass on the details on this pewsheet. Keeping all in our prayers.

[Look at our prayer page under Thoughts & Prayers](#)

Daily Hope

For those of you who do not have access to the internet but would like to join in a daily service, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justion Welby

launched the Daily Hope. This is a free phone line.



The Foodbank now more than ever is an important resource for families at this time of lock down. CTiC have recently been able to donate £330 from across the CTiC. This is vital community work we can participate in if we are able. Please see the Foodbank details on the St Paulinus website or get in contact with Marilyn Downes 01322 294569 if you need further information on how to donate.

As we look from Ascension to Pentecost, there is an opportunity to pray for more people to know God and all He can do in our lives. We can also pray for God to work through us to help us to be part of bringing others to know Him. You could carry knotted string in your pocket, tie it round your wrist or place it somewhere that you'll see it regularly and use the knots to remind you to pray for five family or friends.

There are resources available for prayer and reflection for Ascension to Pentecost, from Thy Kingdom Come. These include:

- Novena with daily prayers, readings and reflections
- Prayer Journal with passage from the Bible, a short reflection, a prayer, and a suggestion for action. There is also space each day for your own notes
- Prayer Intentions, a simple set of prayers for each day
- Prayer Map and interactive map for children and families

These can be ordered from, <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources/> / 01903 263354, they will also be available to download on stpaulinus.co.uk, or contact Rev Amanda on 01322 310657 if you would like a download posted.