

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

Sunday 22nd May 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

COVID guidelines are now lifted, but you are welcome to wear a mask while you are in the church. If you are happy not to wear a mask, please be aware of the space you give to others who may feel less comfortable.

*During our service we will sometimes suggest you stand or sit at particular points. These are simply our traditions and are in no way an obligation. **Please feel free to remain seated or stand as you prefer.***

Services

May 22 nd	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
Thurs 26 th	7.30pm	Hoveton St Peter	Service for Ascension Day and Thy Kingdom Come
May 29 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
June 5 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion

Hymns

96	Christ is made the sure foundation
452	Longing for light
463	Lord Jesus Christ
840	Ye holy angels bright

For Home Communion, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact the Rector Revd Elizabeth Jump 01603 784150 rector@wroxhambenefice.org

For our Prayers

All those who ask for our prayers

Helen Dellar, Claire Firrell, Queenie Whayman, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bonnie Davies, Bob Shaw, Christine Goodhew, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Lilian Pointer, Richard Wilson, Alan Chambers, Edward Minster, Archdeacon Ian Bentley, Sandra Adams, Margaret Whipp, Shaun Whitmore

All who have died recently

John Carter, Daphne Gilbey, Alan Lovett

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Lewis Slater

Prayer for our Parishes

Prayer for the parishes continues at **6pm on Tuesday, this week at St John Hoveton.**

John Carter's funeral will take place at **St Mary's Tunstead on Friday 27th May at 12 noon.** All are welcome to come and give thanks for John's life and for his many years of dedication to Tunstead Church.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Wroxham Church Hall

At the APCM we were asked to clarify what is happening with the Church Hall.

The PCC have undertaken meetings with specialists from the Diocese to look at the condition of the hall, the repairs that will be needed in the near future, and the cost of running both hall and church in the years to come. In common with many other PCCs around the country, we have had to take the difficult decision to sell the hall. This will not happen quickly, as there is much more work to do in exploring how we do this, and it is likely that we will have the building for some time yet.

If you would like to know anything more, the PCC are very happy to meet with people over coffee after the service.

Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee –

*‘Memories of the Fifties’
Exhibition*

Vintage collectables for sale

Tea and cakes

*St Marys Church, Wroxham
Friday June 3rd 10am-4pm*

St Mary's Wroxham
welcomes you to

*Celebrate the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee*

With a traditional, delicious

*Afternoon
Tea*

Saturday 4th June 3.00pm in Wroxham Church Hall

Tickets £12 please book in advance.

01603 783399

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday June 18th 10.30 – 12.00

at

High Gables, Tunstead Rd

In aid of Hoveton St Peter Church

Raffle , Cakes , Books , Jigsaws and Plants

Everyone Welcome!

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Thy Kingdom Come in The Wroxham Benefice

26th May 7.30pm Ascension Day Service at Hoveton St Peter to launch Thy Kingdom Come in the Benefice.

Several Prayer Stations will then be available in the churches between Ascension and Pentecost, please feel free to come and use them to help in your prayers for others, and your own time with God.

If you can't make any of these, why not take a piece of card and write the names of five people you would like to pray for and keep it in your Bible or somewhere else where it will remind you to pray for them.

COLLECT AND READINGS

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 16.9–15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading Revelation 21.10,22 – 22.5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel John 5.1–9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time,

he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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.