

# THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Fourth 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 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Morning Worship
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion

## Hymns

399 Jesus shall reign  
724 The Lord's my shepherd  
66 Be thou my vision  
841 Ye servants of God



For Home Communion, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact the Rector Revd Elizabeth Jump 01603 784150 [rector@wroxhambenefice.org](mailto: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**

Daphne Gilbey

### **All whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Bunny Spinks, Cliff Christmas

### **Prayer for our Parishes**

Prayer for the parishes continues at **6pm on Tuesday, this week at Hoveton St John**. This is a quiet half hour within a framework of Celtic Evening Prayer, with music and times of silence. I know from some of you that 6pm isn't a good time – can you let me know if there is a time that would work better? Earlier? Later? Different day? Liz

### **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

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Annie Slater regrets that, due to personal circumstances, the planned memorial for Lewis Slater which was advertised in the New Bridge Magazine will be unable to go ahead.

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.*

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*Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee –*

*Enjoy  
'Memories of the Fifties'  
Exhibition*

*Table of  
Vintage collectables for sale*

*Tea and cakes*

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

**Wroxham Coffee Morning**

Our May coffee morning is on Monday 9th May  
Wroxham Church Hall.

Come & enjoy a free coffee and good company.  
Cakes, jams/marmalade and a gift stall with raffle.  
Donations are welcome for the work of the church.

# COLLECT AND READINGS

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## FIRST READING First Reading Acts 9.36–43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## SECOND READING Revelation 7.9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,  
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## **GOSPEL** John 10.22–30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

## **POST COMMUNION**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.