

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE



7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion
May 14 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
May 21 st	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Morning Worship
May 28 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion with Baptism
June 4 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion

Hoveton St John

288 King of glory, King of peace
335 Meekness and majesty
192 Hail, thou once despised Jesus
103 Crown him, with many crowns

Tunstead

391 King of glory, King of peace
374 How sweet the name
297 Lord Jesus Christ
352 Crown him with many crowns

Hoveton St John

Many thanks to Tom Herman who has agreed to lead the service this morning. I'm very grateful to him for stepping in at short notice. Please note that there will be no Talk/Address – that was just too much to ask! Thank you Tom! *Rev Liz*

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, Edward Minster, Mark, Carole Tims, Shaun Whitmore

All who have died recently

Keith Johnson, David Curtis

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Elizabeth Leach, Norah Gilden

Prayer for the Parishes.

We meet at the Vicarage on Tuesdays at 6pm for half an hour to pray for the parishes, our communities and our own intentions. We use Celtic Evening Prayer with times of music and of silence. All are welcome, and coffee is available!

Coffee Mornings

Hoveton St John Church

in the Church on **Wednesday 10th May from 10.30am.**

Do come & and enjoy coffee & bites whilst chatting to friends new & old. All most welcome.

Hoveton St Peter Church

In the church on **Wednesday 17th May from 10.30.**

Delicious cakes, books and raffle.

A very warm welcome to our little church .

Collect

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.

First Reading Acts 7.55–60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2.2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious;

but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner’, and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel John 14.1–14

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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.