

The year 25th May is Ascension Day. I wonder what that means to you?

The first Russian astronaut projected into space to view the earth reported that he saw nobody there. He obviously thought that this denied Christians in the Ascension. He had made the mistake of treating the event as if Christ was setting forth on a space journey! The true interpretation of the Ascension is not so simple minded. Its deep meaning is as a symbol of one of the great truths that are fundamental to the New Testament witness: the acknowledgement that Jesus is Lord. It is his will that will prevail over the apparent disorder of this present world in the forming of his kingdom.

If, like me, you will be unable to be in church on the 25th we can all read Acts 1 and seek to enter into the observance that was given to that great East Anglian saint, Julian of Norwich, that 'all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.'

John Polkinghorne



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Sound System	David Wilson	07899 917831
Sunday Lunch Club	Jinty Keir	572303

READINGS FOR MAY

Sundays and holy days

- 7 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2: 42 - end
John 10: 1-10
- 14 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 7: 55 – end
John 14: 1-14
- 21 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 16: 1-19
John 15: 18-21
- 25 ASCENSION DAY
Acts 1: 1-11
Luke 24: 44 - end
- 28 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 1: 6-14
John 17: 1-11

Weekdays at 9.30am

- 3 Acts 8: 1-8
John 6: 30-35
- 10 Acts 11: 19-26
John 10: 22-30
- 17 Acts 15: 1-6
John 15: 1-8
- 24 Acts 17: 15, 22 0 18: 1
John 3: 16-21
- 31 Zephaniah 3: 14-18
Luke 1: 39-49

REGULAR SERVICES IN MAY

Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion

Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Morning Prayer, when said in church, will
be at 9.15.

Second Monday of each month will be set
aside for Staff Prayer.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN MAY

Thursday May 25 Ascension Day service
at 7pm

EVENTS IN MAY

Sunday May 7 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch
Club meets in the Church Hall



OSCILLATION

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It's since my treasured Audrey died
At times I sit engulfed by state
Of blanket fog benumbing mind,
Or else I start to feel irate.
But much of time, in overdrive,
I work and work as though I've got
To meet a deadline set by whom
I've not a clue. It seems my lot
Is thus to oscillate between
A winter's night or summer's day.
It's like my faith in God of love
That keeps me walking pilgrim's way.
At times I start to doubt that Christ
Had truly given key to what
Our lives are really all about,
The world today is clearly not
In line with Kingdom Jesus taught
Is what we're here on earth to help
Inaugurate. It seems at times
We're little more than strands of kelp
A storm has spewed upon a beach
Where lowly hoppers welcome trash
That shields from sun and hunting birds.
And after death we'll end as ash.
But then recall of many folk
I've known, or read about, remind
Me how the grace derived from gift
Of Holy Spirit changed each mind
And heart. Unlikely people hear
The call of Christ, including me.
And when I meet my love again,
We'll both be free from doubt and pain.

Henry Disney

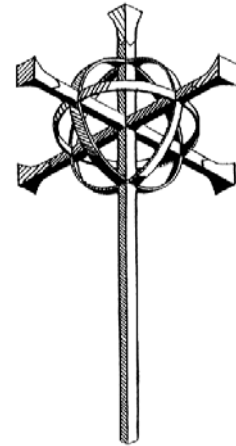
IS THIS REALLY WHAT THEY WROTE? (An 'Oldie' version)

1. Herman's Hermits-- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker
2. The Bee Gees-- How Can You Mend a Broken Hip
3. Bobby Darin -- Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash
4. Ringo Starr-- I Get By With a Little Help From Depends
5. Roberta Flack-- The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face
6. Johnny Nash -- I Can't See Clearly Now
7. Paul Simon -- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
8. Commodores -- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom
9. Marvin Gaye -- Heard it Through the Grape Nuts
10. Procol Harem -- A White Shade of Hair
11. Leo Sayer-- You Make Me Feel Like Napping
12. The Temptations-- Papa's Got a Kidney Stone
13. Abba-- Denture Queen
14. Tony Orlando-- Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall
15. Helen Reddy-- I am Woman, Hear Me Snore
16. Willie Nelson-- On the Throne Again
17. Leslie Gore-- It's My Procedure and I'll Cry if I Want To

IN THE CHURCH HALL (to book call 352151 (evenings))

THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	Jinty Keir	572303
RED HEN Monday 8.15 – 11am	Christine O'Reilly	0781 6444439
SANG Monday 10– 11.30 (meets in Haven in Church)	Rachel Blanchflower	523066
THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.00 – 3.30pm	Ruby Leyshon	352151
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Monday 8.15 - 9.15pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Deborah Walker	01954 231382
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
YOGA STRETCHING AND MOBILITY Wednesday 9.25-10.15am	Lexi	367639
TAI CHI Wednesday 12.50-1.40	Lexi	367639
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm January to November	Mr. Gawthrop	351855
UNITE RETIRED MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
PILATES Friday 12.50 – 1.40pm	Lexi	367639
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
SIN CRU Friday 5-7.30pm (Term time only)	Lucy Crowe	07989 927706
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 3.13-4.15pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact our administrator, Ruth Banger. She will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

She can be contacted on 07764 613862

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