

This week your prayers are asked for those who are ill or in need including:-

David Sharp	Sheila Clarke
Catrina Walker-Jones	Calum Corser
Trevor Metcalfe	Mary Mangan
Carole Shakeshaft	Margaret Kehoe
Juliette Gillespie	Pat Coulburn
Chris Hughes	Grahame P Woodward

The families and friends of those who have died:-
Ann Morris

Notices

'Not Coffee Morning' 10am

As we can't yet hold this as it is a social gathering we have resumed ZOOM Coffee Meeting on Saturday mornings. Please email, phone or message Yvonne Kerridge for the invitation. Meeting in the church grounds (weather permitting) afterwards about 11am. Note change to Saturday 22nd May it will be hosted by Kevin Drury.

As we are now in a Vacancy all services are subject to change at the last minute—at the moment we are struggling to find cover for the Thursday BCP Service although we do hope to be able to do this on the last Thursday of the month.

Advance Warning—Road Closures Due to Filming

We have received notification that there will be road closures around church (Springfield and Sibson Roads) on Monday 31st May between 11am and 9pm. With possible restrictions during Tuesday 1st June between 1pm—11pm and 11am—9pm on Wednesday 2nd June. See the poster for more information.

The production team respectfully requests that due to Covid that people do not come or gather to watch the filming. They have carried out the various risk assessments required under the current Covid restrictions and will do all they can to ensure the safety of the public, cast and crew at all times.

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Springfield Road, Sale
Serving God and the community

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Sunday 16th May 2021 **Seventh Sunday after Easter**

Welcome to Very Revd. Tim Stratford, Dean of Chester Cathedral who is leading our services this morning

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During This Week

Today

6.00pm Evensong

Wednesday

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thursday —

10.00am No BCP Communion

Next Sunday—

8.30am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong

**Today is the deadline for the June
Parish News**

Please remember that it is mandatory that you wear a face mask or shield which must **cover both your nose and mouth before you come into church** until after you have left the building.

First Reading— Acts 1.15-17,21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, ¹⁶'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from

the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, ♦
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither, ♦
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to
stand in the judgement, ♦
nor the sinner in the congregation of the
righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Epistle— 1 John 5.9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has

given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel — John 17.6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ⁶'Father, 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.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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. ¹²While I was with

them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. '