

Pew News - Christ Church, Shelton and Oxon



Fourth Sunday of Easter – 12th May 2019

- 9:30am** Holy Communion (CW)
11:00am Morning Praise Modern Style of Worship
6:00pm Reflections and Bible Study. All are welcome as we take a closer look over the next few weeks at The Ascension, Pentecost and The Trinity
Gluten-free wafers are available: please ask

Readings: (a) Acts 9:36 to end (b) John 10:22-30

The Collect: ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer: for Christians around the world who face persecution and even death for their faith in Jesus Christ, the only son of the one true God.

Church Prayer: Loving God, help us to be welcoming, accepting and open to all in our growing community. Encourage us to persevere in prayer and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Give us courage and confidence to share all our talents, proclaim our faith, grow spiritually and know your love in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Monday	The Well and ASHAR	10:30-12:30pm
Wednesdays:	Holy Communion in the Hall	11:00am
	Social Gathering in the Hall	2:30pm
Thursday:	Small Groups	2:15pm and 7:00pm

Services Next Sunday

- 9:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
11:00am Morning Praise Modern Style of Worship
6:00pm Reflections and Bible Study

N O T I C E S

Funeral Notice: Elizabeth Nesta Shaw. Some of you will remember *Nesta Shaw* from church and the services at the Scout Hut. Nesta died on 26 April at the Fearn's. Her funeral service will take place at Emstrey Crematorium on Friday 17th May at 10.45am. Nesta was 93 and I'm encouraging church members to be there if possible as there is no family executor and your attendance would be helpful for congregational hymn singing.

Social Gathering. The next meeting will take place on the 15th May in the Old School Hall at 2:30pm. the theme will be "In Grandma's Attic" – Victorian clothing, jewellery etc.

100 Club Crawl for May 1st. Prize £20 No. 88 Mrs. A. Hartley <> 2nd. Prize £15 No. 45 Mrs S. Colley, <> 3rd. Prize £10 No. 15 Mrs. M. Mapp <> 4th. Prize £5 No 22 Mr. S. D'Arcy.

Buffet Lunch. We are having a leaving lunch for Rev'd David and family in the Old School Hall on the 16th June after the joint service at 10:30am. It will be a seated buffet lunch at a cost of £10 per person. Tickets will be available after the church services from 5th May from Alyson Bradney, Neil Harris Sandra Boyle or Jan Thomas. We will need to know numbers by the 26th May to enable us to confirm numbers with the caterers.

Installation of Rev'd David O'Brien as vicar of St. Thomas Monday 15th July 2019 7pm – Please sign up on form at back of Church.

We require the money for the bus by the 26th May (£20)

The Children's Society. Another batch of boxes has now been opened, and a further £168.69 has been passed to The Children's Society making our total so far this year, £624.54. Thank you to everyone who has brought their box to church. The emptied boxes are at the back of church for collection. If you have not already done so, please bring your box to church and hand it to Ann or the duty churchwarden..

Church evacuation in case of fire. Please leave in an orderly manner, helping the less-able. There are 2 marked exits; the main door or via the vestry. Make your way to the Assembly point next to the stone bench in the cemetery. Similar arrangements apply to the Church Hall.

READING FROM ACTS 9:36 - END

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, '*Please come at once!*'

³⁹Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, '*Tabitha, get up.*' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon. (NIVUK)

Quote:- Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. –
Corrie Ten Boom

GOSPEL READING FROM JOHN 10:22-30

Further conflict over Jesus' claims

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, '*How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.*'

²⁵ Jesus answered, '*I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.*' . (NIVUK)