



# Jubilate

The Magazine of the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd

Sunday 9th May 2020



**Bible Readings** for today

**Acts 10.44-48**

**Psalm 98**

**1 John 5.1-6**

**John 15.9-17**

## Prayers for the sixth Sunday of the Easter Season

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

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Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## URGENT ! - A Warden's Plea

Your Chaplaincy is urgently in need of your help on two counts:

### 1) TREASURER

William Jones has given sterling service in this role over many years and even continued for two years after he had made it clear that he wished to stand down. He has also continued to support Carolyn and me during this transition period. Thank you, William, for all your work over the years.

However, the Chaplaincy needs a Treasurer – it's a legal requirement. At the moment Carolyn is our named Treasurer; our administrator, Valérie, has agreed to take on the responsibility of book-keeping. There is little financial activity at the moment given that both expenses and income have fallen during the Covid restrictions. Valérie is also in the process of creating an online giving facility which will make the Treasurer's job even less time-consuming.

Carolyn is working extremely hard in her role of Chaplaincy church warden and it is totally unreasonable to expect her to bear the responsibility of Treasurer. **I therefore urge you, if you have even vaguely considered offering to serve the Chaplaincy in this role, to give it prayerful thought** and to contact either Carolyn or me in the first instance.

Alternatively, if you know someone (a family member, a neighbour, a friend, a retired book-keeper or accountant) who might consider becoming our Treasurer then please mention it to them and ask them to contact us if they feel they could help.

### 2) SECURE STORAGE OF CHAPLAINCY ITEMS

At the moment chairs and Supertrooper equipment are being safely stored thanks to two members of the Chaplaincy. However, we have urgent need of a secure storage facility for a variety of Chaplaincy items including refreshment equipment, hymn books and some items

from worship centres. Do you have an available room or weatherproof outbuilding which would be suitable? Please consider whether you are able to help and contact me for further details. (Contact info on last page of Jubilate.)

We are in a period of transition at the moment but your new council is feeling very positive about the future of the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd here in Poitou-Charentes. The momentum can only be maintained with your support.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Blessings,

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP IS ON ZOOM AT 10.30.AM**

**THE CHAPLAINCY OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**WELCOME YOU TO THIS**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER SERVICE OF**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP.**

**9th May 2021 at 10:30 am.**

**Details of how to join the service are as follows:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3145287597?pwd=UVJDNTVpZzJXSnFWYTk2ZFhBMW5Zdz09>  
Meeting ID: 314 528 7597 Passcode: CGShepherd

*Please note it is better if you download Zoom, (it is free) reception through joining through your browser is not so good*

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HOW DID YOU FARE IN THE QUIZ LAST WEEK ?

If you're a quizzer or just like testing your "grey cells" a little, then put May 31st in your diary for the next Chaplaincy quiz on Zoom

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**ASCENSION DAY** is this Thursday, 13th May



Jesus was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. (Acts 1::9)

**There will be a special service, with *Agape*, to mark Ascension Day at 7.00.pm on Thursday via the usual Facebook link**

<https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/>

[www.abram.org.uk/vw](http://www.abram.org.uk/vw)

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## ASCENSION DAY Thursday 13th May

### Bible Readings

Psalm 47                  Psalm 93                  Daniel 7.9-14  
                                Luke 24.44-53              Acts 1.1-11                  Ephesians 1.15-23

### Special Prayers

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever.

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Continuing with Ascension Day .....

## "Now you see me, now you don't!"

- thoughts on the Feast of the Ascension. From Rev'd Richard Knowles

The Christian faith stands upon the legs of a series of miraculous events.

First, the Immaculate Conception linked to the Virgin Birth, the miracle of God sending His Son into the World through a willing young lady.

Secondly, we have the Resurrection – the miracle of Jesus coming back from the dead.

Thirdly, the Ascension and finally the miracle of the Holy Spirit coming into the world at Pentecost as Jesus had prophesied.

Three of the four legs of Faith are given prominence by being signposted in our main communal worship days of a Sunday. The Ascension, however, always seems to me to be 'tucked' into a working day which makes it difficult for many Christians to celebrate it with due reverence. Okay, the **Bible tells us that** the Ascension takes place 40 days after the Resurrection which always places it on a Thursday in our calendars. But surely, over 2,000 years later, the church's calendar could reflect the importance of the Ascension and place it on a major worship day.

Jesus' promise to His then followers was that He had to go away but He would return and be available to all in the form of the Holy Spirit. That surely makes the Ascension a supremely important event. It helps to promote stability in supporting the huge body of Christ's teaching that sets out the lifestyle that each Christian should be aspiring to lead.

So what of the event itself? The Ascension was witnessed and reported on over 2,000 years ago so we cannot ask questions of those who were there; in any case, I suspect that even if we could, we would hear as many different reflections as people who were present. Today such a phenomenon still exists amongst witnesses to an event when they are asked to describe what they saw. However that would not mean the event hadn't occurred.

So like the other legs of our faith, for us to make sense of the event means we need to accept it in faith as part of the whole of Christ's life.

To me, what the Ascension means is, that before the event, Christ was the One who had the role of disseminating the power of the Holy Spirit through works of healing and other miracles: He also equipped His Disciples so they too could practice a healing ministry in His Name. Jesus going back to the Father meant that same power could be available to all who believed in Jesus. That power was to be unleashed onto the world through the fourth leg of Faith: Pentecost.

*He said to them: 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. (Acts 1:8 - 9)*



**Thy Kingdom Come**  
**Ascension to Pentecost**  
13th-23rd May

We have a range of resources to refresh and encourage the church this year. Find out more

[www.ThyKingdomCome.global](http://www.ThyKingdomCome.global)



## THY KINGDOM COME

**In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, we are committing ourselves to pray for friends and family to come to know the love, hope and peace found in Christ.**

*Before you start*

- Prayerfully *choose five people* to pray for, and pray during these 11 days that they would know the transforming love of Christ.
- Set a time each day when you will take a moment of prayer. You only need about 10 minutes.
- Set a reminder on your phone, a note on your fridge or somewhere visible to prompt you to pray each day

*Thy Kingdom Come Prayer*

Almighty God,  
your ascended son has sent us into the world to  
preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

*Father, thank you for your love:*

*draw my family and friends into that love.*

*Jesus, thank you for your gift of yourself:*

*help them to accept and appreciate that gift.*

*Holy Spirit, give them new life, and bring them home.*





## Christian Aid Week. 2021. 10th-16th. May.

Christian Aid Week 2021, is focusing on the world climate emergency, which is one, of the greatest injustices we face. This year we are being encouraged, together, to do our best to stop this crisis.

This climate crisis hurts us all. But, people living in poverty, have to fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives.

Christian Aid fundraising focus this year, could help communities build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need, to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

Extreme weather means people like Rose are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. Caught in a cycle of climate chaos. For months at a time she and her neighbours live with drought, have to walk miles every day to collect water, which is often, not safe to drink or use.

Rose explains "Because of climate change, I worry a lot, about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be."

A woman sings a deep, joyful tune. Her song lifts the spirits of the other women on the farm. This is Florence. She is full of love and laughter. She could easily be defeated, by the hardship she faces but Florence is a fighter, full of faith and hope, she shows the women in her farming group, that they can be fighters too.

Now there is an earth dam near their farm: this has made the most miraculous difference to their lives and the crops they grow. She is so thankful to the people who donated, to build the dam. She gives thanks to God for them and their actions, towards the building of the earth dam.

**Christian Aid Week** brings tens of thousands of Christians together to achieve incredible things to stop this climate crisis for some of the poorest people in the world, in prayers, actions and donations.

These steps will provide Rose with resources, strength and courage to withstand even the most unpredictable weather.

**Please**, could you, find it in your heart to join thousands of fellow Christians, in making a difference, this Christian Aid Week. Together we could.....

- \* Uphold this special week, in daily prayer.
- \* Visit the Christian Aid website, [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) to read more fully, the challenges and difficulties Rose faces.
- \* Worship, on line, with Christian Aid; Pray for climate justice.
- \* ***Make an online donation.***
- \* Encourage family and friends to support this charity in their invaluable work.

Our actions this Christian Aid Week will change the lives of Rose and Florence and thousands more of Gods precious people in the same perilous position.

If you would like to support in other ways, throughout the year; for example, having a small change, collection box, please contact me ....

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**Christian Aid** is the official relief and development agency of 41 Christian (Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox) churches in the UK and Ireland, and works to support [sustainable development](#), eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.†



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- To love our neighbour as ourselves
- To go and make disciples

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