



Newsheet 18th May 2025 (Easter 5)

Welcome to St Peters, especially if you are here for the first time. Please join us next door in Cornerstone for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Hymn Numbers: 137,305,311,557



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. **Amen**

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.

Amen

First Reading: Acts 11.1–18 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane. "This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm 148

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 13.31–35 When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

For prayer this week

- **For those who live in:** Burnham Lane, Crosthwaite Way, Lammas Road, Leaholme Gardens, Orchard Avenue, The Spur
- **For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including :** Michelle, Mike, Mark, Joanne, Lilly, Chloe, Leo, Shirley Field, Danny Field, Mary Goding, Richard Goding, Amie Leith, Val Ashley, Lynda, Paula, Carole, Val, Vicky Morris, Piers Roullier, Andrew Mazur & Family, Shirley, Andrew, Courtney, Donna.
- **Recently Departed:** Geoff Day, Sister Mary Bernard
- **At their year’s mind we remember :** Liz Marsden, Florence Harbutt, Francis Walton, Eric Chant, Dinah Limmer , Edna Lamberth, John Lamberth, Joanna Dugdale, Joyce Cooper, Harry Swaney

What’s on this week...

Monday 6pm	Girls’ Brigade Cubs’ Visit
Tuesday 9am 5pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9.30am	Midweek Eucharist Wednesday Welcome
Thursday 9am 9.30am 5pm 7pm	Morning Prayer Little Angels Baby and Toddler Group Evening Prayer PCC Meeting
Friday (Vicar’s rest day)	Choir Practice
Saturday 12pm	Donkey Derby
Sunday (Easter 6)	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist

COMMUNION CAFÉ Our next service will be on **MONDAY 9th JUNE AT 10.15am**

BIRTHDAYS A very happy birthday to all our church family members who have birthdays this week. Please let Pam know if you would like to be added to our Birthday book.

CHRISTIAN AID A big thank you to all who contributed to our cake sale on Wednesday. We made an impressive £238 for the charity.

CARE AND SHARE This week we are requesting donations of tinned meat, tinned peas/carrots, cereal, orange squash and rice.

TOWER CLOCK We need to replace the existing broken mechanism with a modern equivalent. Sheila is researching grants to help pay for the work. Any donations to this important project would be most welcome.

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY NEWS SHEET FOR ONGOING INFORMATION INCLUDING INCLUSIVE CHURCH, SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING, CARING FOR CREATION,

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