Year B Easter 7 12 May 2024 The Sunday after Ascension Day

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The reading from Acts

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, '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 - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows the reading

Psalm 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. **Their delight is in the law of the Lord : and they meditate on his law day and night.** 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.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them : they are like chaff

which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not

be able to stand in the judgement : nor the sinner

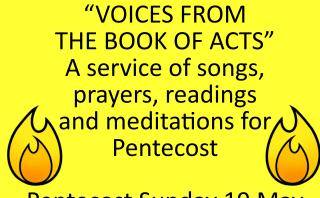
in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous : but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Alleluia, alleluia Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia

John 17. 6-19

'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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking vou to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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Pentecost Sunday 19 May St Tydfil's Church 11.00am

NOTICES ABOUT THE NOTICES

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The readings for next Sunday and church news sheets can be seen and downloaded from the St David's and St Tydfil's pages of the Ministry Area website at

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MEETINGS MAC meeting Monday 13th May ,7pm - St Tydfil's

St David's LCC Meeting Wednesday 15 May 7pm. Please note the change of date

CHURCHES UNLOCKED

St David's is taking part in the Churches Unlocked scheme this year. The church will be open from 10am to 4pm every day from 1 June until 9 June. There are various events planned for the week. If you would like to help during these times there is a list at the back of the church to sign up. We would be very grateful for any help during the week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lynda and Viv Price who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary later this month.

The next listening & discernment sessions for the future of the Ministry Area are on:-

Saturday 25th May 9:30-12:30 (bacon baps) St Tydfil's

Wednesday 29th May 18:00-21:00 (cakes) St Mary's Merthyr Vale

Monday 3rd June 11:00-14:00 (soup lunch) All Saints Dowlais

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 14 May 10.30am Holy Eucharist, St David's

> Sunday 19 May The Day of Pentecost

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St David's

11.00am "Voices from the Book of Acts" St Tydfil's