



PEW NEWS

6th April, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

Second Reading: **Philippians 3: 4b-14**

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and

the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'



- Monday** **Badminton** – CPH @ 8pm
- Tuesday** **Parish Book Club** – St. Mary's Parish Hall, Marmullane @ 11.00am
- Wednesday** **Holy Communion** – St. Luke's Church @ 11am
Lent Study Group with Rev. Meghan & St. Anne's – CPH @ 7.30pm
- Thursday** **Frankfield Easter Vestry Meeting** – Holy Trinity Church @ 7.30pm

Notices

Come and experience the Knitted Bible. The Mindful Makers craft group based at the Church of the Resurrection in Blarney has been hard at work over the last year and is now looking forward to sharing their work with the world: a collection of 26 Bible stories illustrated through hand knit and crochet figures. All will be welcome to come along on the opening day of the display, Saturday, 12 April 2025, between 11.00 AM – 4.00 PM, to experience the Knitted Bible and peruse the Sale of Work, which will include a wide variety of craft items, handmade candles, plants, and cakes. The event is free of charge to attend, with donations gratefully received. The proceeds of the Sale of Work and donations received on the day will be in aid of the Church of the Resurrection's 250th anniversary celebration fund, as the church looks ahead to celebrating this significant anniversary in 2026. Following the opening day, the Knitted Bible will remain on display in the church and open to the public from Monday, 14 – Wednesday, 16 April, 11.00 AM – 5.00 PM.

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