

The parish of St André de la Pommeraye

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Newsletter for the 4th Sunday of Easter, 8 May 2022

The Rector writes ...

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.



I was torn on Friday evening between going to the concern in the Town Church and the Guernsey Music Service concert at St Saviour's church. In the end, I decided to show solidarity with the Ukrainian community in Guernsey, and attended the concern in the Town Church. Some remarkable music was played, including music by several composers whose work was completely new to me. It was a revelation!

Most moving, however, was the final piece, the Anthem of Ukraine, played by Elena Fedorenko, a brilliant Ukrainian pianist who lives in Guernsey. Chris Claxton has regularly played this haunting music ('Ukraine has not perished yet', composed by a Ukrainian Greek Catholic priest, Mykhailo Verbytsky, in the nineteenth century) before and after services at St Andrew's church.

As Guernsey gives thanks for its liberation after five years of occupation during the Second World War, it is moving to see the depth of concern for the people of Ukraine, and the generous response of so many to the desperate human need we see in Ukraine.

Liberation Day will be marked on Monday with many more activities than have been possible in the last two years, because of the pandemic. In addition to the usual service in the Town Church at 11 am (to which all are welcome), there is a 'people's service' at St Saviour's church at 10 am. There will be various events in St Andrew, focussed on the Last Post, to coincide with the Liberation Cavalcade making its way around the island. The Earl and Countess of Wessex are visiting Guernsey on Monday afternoon. So it will be an interesting and busy day. However you spend the day, I hope that you will enjoy Liberation Day amidst all the more difficult memories that remembering will stir up for some.

Covid 19

Lateral flow tests are only required for individuals who are symptomatic, for health and care workers who are household contacts of positive cases, or for those visiting people in hospital or care homes.

The wearing of **face coverings** is entirely a matter of personal choice and preference. There is no requirement for face coverings to be worn.

Hand sanitiser will still be available for use on arrival at the church.

Please do not come to church if you feel unwell. Otherwise, we will be delighted to see you!

This week ...

Sunday 8 May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion

Monday 9 May	Liberation Day
Thursday 12 May	7.00 pm Choir practice
Sunday 15 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Holy Communion



St Andrew's church is open daily, without restriction, from around 10 am until the late afternoon or early evening.

Holy Communion, and laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Wednesday at 10.30 am at the **Monnaie Chapel**. The Monnaie Chapel is a remarkable place – accessed off the Rue du Monnaie (halfway up the road, on the left, when approaching from Les Poidevins).

Prayers for the week

A prayer for this week:

Risen Christ,
 faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
 teach us to hear your voice
 and to follow your command,
 that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Please pray

- in thanksgiving, for the liberation of Guernsey from occupation on 9 May 1945;
- for those from this island who were killed or who died during the Second World War;
- for commitment to work for freedom and justice here and throughout the world;
- for the people of Afghanistan, following the news of repression of women in that country;
- for the people of Ukraine, and for peace in their land.

We pray, in the **Guernsey churches prayer list**, for the States of Guernsey and for the work of the parish and douzaine offices in the ten parishes of Guernsey.

We pray for all who live in the parish of St Andrew and for our church community.

By name, for Stella Machon, Audrey Gollop, Jean Walpole, Georgina, Chris and Diane Lesbirel, Fletch O'Hara, Anne Barnes, Jonathan Charmley and Ray Tonkinson.

Finally ...

I am taking the 10.30 am service at the Vale church on Sunday, followed by a baptism.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Tim

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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.



Hymns and options at 10 am

576 And did those feet in ancient time
645 God is our strength and refuge
357 All people that on earth do dwell
739 Now thank we all our God

Readings

New Testament reading: Acts 9 verses 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel: John 10 verses 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.