



resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading
John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. '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; 8for 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. 9I 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.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Kate Booth, Mark Brown, Dora Ross, Yvonne Heron, Margaret Frater, Alastair and Diana MacNaughton, Dave Pope, Ian Goodman

R I P: Dorothy Glass, Gordon Robertson, Judith Hornsby

TODAY: Sunday 28th May -7th of Easter

No Evening Service

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 4th June PENTECOST

8.00 am	St James	Holy Communion
9.30 am	St Mary	Family Communion
11.15am	St James	Simply Worship
4.00 pm	St Aidan	Family Communion
6.00pm	St Mary	BCP Evensong

Collect for Today

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Readings

Acts 1.6-14

6So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is

Thought for Today

As children of God, we are united in one faith in a living God who has revealed himself to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are united in faith in Christ whose word fills us with faith. We are also united in faith in the Holy Spirit whose presence guides us through life. Although we are one in faith, we have to put that faith into action, especially by being one in service. It is in serving that our faith becomes real. When we serve one another, we serve Christ. He is the inspiration in our lives. He is the living example of faith in action. He is the Lord, the Master of our lives and the heartbeat of our faith-and that faith becomes real when we go forth as one in service. Unity begins with us. We have to be proactive. We have to pull together. We have to keep going. We may never achieve 100 % unity, but if we work toward it, we will be going in the right direction. If we stand together, we can withstand the fiercest elements the world throws at us.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES: -

The office is open Mon, - Friday from 9.30—12:30pm Tel:

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THIS WEEK:

Monday and Tuesday

Morning prayer at St James from 9am to 9.30am.

Wednesday Morning prayer at St Aidans at 9.00am.

"Journey" Group meets in St James Vestry - 7pm contact Emily Gibson 07713474443 for details

Wednesday Home Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting 24th May at 7pm at 15 Bankside .Contact Jeremy or Harriet.

Thursday Holy Communion- St Aidans— 9.15 am

Friday Celtic Prayer breakfast, 11 Nursery Mews, 8.00am

MINISTRY TEAM—For details of the full Ministry Team, please see 'Concord' magazine or the list at the back of church.

Rector: Revd Simon White Tel: 01670 517716 (Except Wed.) rev.simonjhwhite@gmail.com

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INFORMATION FOR PEWNOTES—The weekly pew notes are compiled by Val Pope val@litnotes.co.uk 01670 515806. If you have notices for the sheet, please send them directly to Val by Wednesday each week, before they are printed on Friday. You can read them online at www.parishofmorpeth.org.uk or have them sent to you by email. **The Newcastle Diocesan E bulletin** can be found at : FR www.newcastle.anglican.org/bulletin



PRAYING AT PENTECOST

Everyone very welcome!

St James is open for prayer every day and during the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost there will be prayer stations in St James.

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON EVENT at St Nicholas's Cathedral on SATURDAY 3rd JUNE at 7pm. Tickets are free from Val Cowan, Jeremy Cooper jeremylcooper@aol.com

LIFEPATH—26th-30th June .

contact Kirstine Davis (511001) or talk to Harriet.



Rachel Hudson will be ordained deacon on Saturday 24th June 2017 at 4.00pm in Newcastle Cathedral by +Christine, Lord Bishop of Newcastle. A joint parish Communion will be held on 25th June at 10 am in St James to welcome Rachel, who is to serve as part-time assistant curate in Morpeth parish.

MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday June 10th in the Waterford Lodge. Speaker Chris Million from the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Contact Cyril Meehan (512879) to book your place.



SOCIAL & MISSION GROUP

PARISH OPEN GARDENS Saturday June 17th.

Do you have a garden you would like to share with others in the parish? Would you like to open the garden and collect donations for the Mustard Tree Trust? If so please contact Pauline Ferguson (St Aidan's), Nancy Flitcroft (St James) or Janice parks (St Mary's).

DAVE POPE sends his most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the support , prayers and kind messages from parish friends. He hopes to resume normal service at the piano and organ at St James as soon as possible!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES at St Aidan's

Cuppa Club every Monday 9.30—12.30 in St Aidan's

Bingo session Tuesday 1-2.30pm every week in St Aidan's

Playtime Plus Tuesday 9.30am—11.30 am Toddler Playtime with adults/carers in St Aidan's

Carers Support Group 1.30pm – 3.00pm at St Aidan's

Knit and Natter. Every 3rd Wednesday 1-3pm All welcome.

Meeting dates and details from Parish office 01670 503326

PRAYER MINISTRY is available at every service in the parish. If you would like someone to pray with you, either after Communion or at the end of the service, please approach one of the prayer team (look for their prayer team badges)