



St Bridget & St Cwyfan Church
Dyserth

News from the Pews



May is the
Month
of
Mary



May 2022

Issue 26

Fr. Timothy writes:

The first week of May is my second anniversary as your Parish Priest, although with Mission Areas we don't have parishes! The time has gone quickly but it has been quite tricky with Covid 19 and lockdown and the like. I am not entirely clear how much more time I have got with you, but hopefully I shall have some idea soon. When you don't know what the future is and nobody has been appointed to continue, it is all a bit disconcerting and worrying. I am having a meeting with the Archdeacon shortly and hopefully things will become clearer.

Following the Annual Vestry meeting, I am glad to say that the Church Wardens have agreed to carry on for another year and likewise the Secretary and Treasurer. That is a huge blessing as they all do a fantastic job and we are in good hands.

The Bishop has confirmed Reverend John Harvey's appointment as the Mission Area Leader, which is a blessing.

My grateful thanks to you all for your support and attendance at services during Lent, Holy week and Easter. The latter had a bumper attendance and it was good to see people of all ages. It makes such a difference when the Church is full.

The challenges that face us at Church are considerable. We have a great deal of work to be done in the village and beyond to reinforce the fact that the Church is here; not just as a venue, but as a place of worship and a resource to combat the negativity of loneliness and isolation and for those who find themselves in a spiritual desert.

The Church members are not people who are bored or struggling to find something to do. They are busy, active people who have plenty on in their lives, but who have a deep conviction and faith and seek a need to practice their belief that the only way forward is through the risen Christ, who calls us to follow him.

We also need to restore the Church building, which has some very serious cracks and emerging water ingress. This will require commitment and a lot of energy, as well as a considerable amount of money. We are waiting for the replacement organ blower to be installed, which hopefully will be this month.

I am very grateful to Alison and friends, who have restarted their fundraising campaign and I know that already they are doing incredibly well. It is so good that we have this initiative.

It is to be hoped that soon we shall have other initiatives going within the Church and the village, to generate more funds and to allow us all to get to know one another better. I know you are all itching to take part in another of my quizzes!

With love and all good wishes.

Fr. Timothy.

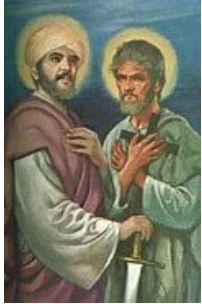
Readings for May 2022

Easter 3 - 01/05/2022

Acts 5:27b-32 & 40b-41 Psalm 30:1, 3-5,11-12a & 13b Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Monday 2 May 2022 (Transferred from Sunday 1 May)

Philip and James, Apostles



Philip and James appear in the list of the twelve apostles in the first three gospels but are frequently confused with other early saints who share their names. In John's gospel, Philip has a more prominent role, being the third of the apostles to be called by Jesus and then himself bringing his friend Nathanael to the Lord. Philip is the spokesman for the other apostles who are questioning the capacity for feeding the five thousand and, at the Last Supper, enters into a sort of dialogue with Jesus which leads to the Farewell Discourses of our Lord. James is said to be the son of Alphæus and is often known as 'James the Less' to distinguish him. He may also be the 'James the Younger' who, in Mark's gospel, is a witness at the Crucifixion. They are celebrated on the same day

because the church in Rome, where their relics rest, was dedicated on this day in the year 560. Isaiah 30. 15-21 Psalm 119. 1-8
Ephesians 1. 3-10 John 14. 1-14

Easter 4 - 08/05/2022

Acts 13:14 & 43-52 Psalm 100:1-2 & 4 Rev 7:9, 13a & 14b-17
John 10:27-30

Saturday 14 May 2022

Matthias, Apostle

After the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot, the apostles brought their number back to twelve by choosing Matthias to replace him. He was chosen by lot from amongst the disciples. The author of the Acts of the Apostles sees apostleship differently from Paul's interpretation of the role and seems to reflect the understanding of the gospel of Luke. The number had to be restored so that they might "sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel". It was conditional that they had to have been with Jesus during his earthly ministry and witnesses to the resurrection. The point of being chosen by lot, rather than by some democratic method, indicated the election or choosing by God, rather than by mortals.

Isaiah 22.15-25 Psalm 15 Acts 1. 15-26 John 15. 9-17



Easter 5 - 15/05/2022

Acts 14:21b-27 Psalm 145:8-13 Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-35

Easter 6 - 22/05/2022

Acts 15:1-2 & 22-29 Psalm 67:1-3a, 4b-5 & 7 Revelation 21:10-14 & 22-23

John 14:23-29

Ascension Day - 26/05/2022

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, or sometimes Holy Thursday commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter; although some Christian denominations have moved the observance to the following Sunday

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:1-2 & 5-8 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

Easter 7 - 29/05/2022

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 97:1, 2b, 6, 7b & 9 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17 & 20

John 17:20-26

Tuesday 31 May 2022

The Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

The church today recalls the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, as recorded in Luke's gospel. The celebration of the feast first occurred at a Franciscan Order General Chapter in 1263 but quickly spread throughout Europe. Since it is a celebration clearly described in the gospel, the churches of the Reformation were less inclined to proscribe it as they were other Marian feasts, particularly as it was the occasion for Mary to sing her great hymn of praise in honour of her Lord and God. Just as Luke sees John the Baptist as the last of the prophets of the old covenant, he uses John's leaping in Elizabeth's womb as the first time John bears witness to Christ as the promised Messiah. Thereby he links the old covenant with the new. He seems to be saying that just as the old covenant clearly points to Jesus, so does its last prophet, yet to be born.

Zephaniah 3. 14-18 Psalm 113 Romans 12. 9-16 Luke 1. 39-49, [50-56]



Church Council 2022—2023

Chair: Revd Canon Timothy Lipscomb SSC

Church Wardens: Harry Davies and Roger Peters

Health & Safety Officer: Harry Davies, Church Warden

Church Treasurer: Anne Cooper

Church Council Secretary: David Chapman

Safeguarding Officer: David Chapman

MA Rep: David Chapman

Council Members

C Kirkham, M Kirkham, L McMullen, A Morgan, I Lowe, F Sanderson and K Sanderson

G Johnson resigned and stood down at the Vestry meeting.



Next Church Council Meeting
25/05/2022 at 11:00 hrs

Sacraments of Service

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Marriage

"...So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Modern Christianity bases its views on marriage upon the teachings of Jesus and the Paul the Apostle.

Many of the largest Christian denominations regard marriage as a sacrament, sacred institution, or covenant

Marriage is commonly celebrated in the context of a Eucharistic service (a nuptial Mass or Divine Liturgy).

The sacrament of marriage is indicative of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament .



the sacrament of holy orders

The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the continuation of Christ's priesthood, which He bestowed upon His Apostles.

There are three levels to this sacrament of ordination: the episcopate, the priesthood, and the diaconate

Through the sacrament of holy orders, or ordination, a man vows to lead others by bringing them the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. He promises to do this by proclaiming the Gospel and by providing to others the means to achieve holiness. In order to be ordained a priest, a man must be first ordained a deacon.

