

THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FURNHAM, CHARD

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To welcome, serve and reach out with faith and love in the example of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING – Acts 8.26-end **Lorraine Cooke**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM (Sung) – Psalm 22

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who fear you.

SECOND READING – 1 John 4.7-end **Barbara Dale**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL – John 15.1-8

HYMNS

Processional – 355

Gradual – 364

Offertory – 310

Communion – 320

Recessional – 464

Following the distribution, the choir will sing the anthem 'Eat this bread'.

INTERCESSIONS

Eileen Bethell

In the Anglican Communion:

For the Church of Bangladesh.

In the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

For the Sedgemoor, Shepton Mallet and Somerset South Deaneries.

In the Bishop of Oswestry Area:

For the Dioceses of Derby, Truro and Worcester.

In the Deanery:

For all schools and colleges (especially Avishayes School and Chard School) and for all clergy widows and widowers.

In the World:

For peace across the world and especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.

In the Parish:

For all who live or work in Great Western Road, Henson Park, Heron Close and Hocken Close.

For the Sick:

Names are remembered privately.

For the Recently Departed

Names are remembered privately.

At their Years Mind:

Names are remembered privately.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 28th April – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:45am Sung Mass (**in church and online**) Fr Stephen Lowe

Sunday 5th May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:45am Sung Mass (**in church and online**) Fr John Fairweather.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 May – Annual Parochial Church Meeting

12-18 May Christian Aid Week (donation envelopes will be available)

20 May Visit of Chard School pupils as part of their RE project on places of worship

30 May – Somerset South Deanery Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi (at the Good Shepherd)

15 June – Cream Tea on the Lawn

30 June – Joint Mass at Holy Trinity, Taunton

13 July – Glastonbury Pilgrimage

10 August – Afternoon Tea in the Garden at Seavington St Michael, raising funds for the next phase of organ repairs

15 September – Concert with Gregory Steward, Tenor

30 November – Christmas craft event

THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

LENT BOXES

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's lent boxes raising funds for The Additional Curates' Society. A total of **£234.50** plus Gift Aid was raised.

