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Sunday 17th May

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Caroline Wickens

Readings

Acts 1 vv 6 – 14
John 17 vv 1 - 11

Hymns

317 At the name of Jesus
312 The head that once was crowned with thorns
569 An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
335 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Thought for the week: Easter 7, Sunday after Ascension

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia!* Ravished from our wistful eyes, *Alleluia!*
Christ, awhile to mortals given, *Alleluia!* Reascends his native heaven, *Alleluia!*

Him though highest heaven receives, *Alleluia!* Still he loves the earth he leaves, *Alleluia!*
Though returning to his throne, *Alleluia!* Still he calls the world his own, *Alleluia!*

Singing the Faith 300, Charles Wesley

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning. All welcome.

"Coffee, Chat and Play": everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

Friendship Club meets on **Tuesday afternoons** at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall. This week will be a speaker from the East Herts Air Ambulance.

Christian Aid Week concludes on **Saturday 16th May.** If you haven't had an envelope through your door or been able to get to the cake stall on the market there are some envelopes available in church, or you can donate via their website https://www.christianaid.org.uk/ and payable by debit/credit card or PayPal.

June is **Bible Month** and this year we are invited to read Paul's letter to the Philippians together. Everyone is invited to join a **Bible study group** on the afternoons of **Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th June** at 2pm online. Please ask Revd Caroline for the joining details.

Churches Together in Berkhamsted invites members of all the churches to a **Pentecost Picnic** on **Sunday 24th May i**n the castle grounds. Come along after worship, bring a picnic, chairs or a blanket, games, and celebrate the church's birthday together. All are welcome.

Great Big Green Week 2026: Berkhamsted will be holding another Great Big Green Week, with events all over town - walks, talks, family activities, quizzes and gardening events. On **Saturday 6th June** there will be the popular Berkhamsted Eco Fair in the Civic Centre. Full details on this link: www.berkhamsted-tc.gov.uk

The **Berkhamsted Food Hub Community Shop** has opened in part of the former Open Door premises at 360-362 High St. The Food Hub is responding to a growing need for food support for many families in the community and this project aims to offer an affordable shopping solution and a helping hand for all. A large number of items will be available to purchase with a maximum spend of £5 per visit. The shop will open twice a week - on a Monday from 9.30-12.30pm and on a Thursday from 4-7pm and will be entirely run by a team of volunteers. There will also be times to drop donations off at the shop.

Roadworks: resurfacing of the High Street between KIngs Road and Bourne End is planned overnight from 8pm - 5am from 18th May - 3rd June, so there may be some disruption.

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Audrey and Paul Cox; Mark, Nicola and family; Terry; Heather Gifford; Ida; Penny; James; Sylvia;

We pray for the people of Iran and especially for those who have lost loved ones and we pray for the hearts and minds of those who are causing so many deaths to be changed in accordance with your command 'Love one another';

We pray for all those affected by extreme weather events;

We pray that the ceasefire in Gaza will lead to a lasting peace;

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. We pray too for all aid workers who have died or been injured while trying to bring supplies to those in need and for their families.

We pray too for those who are caught up in war in other parts of the world, including Sudan and Ukraine and for those facing the threat of starvation in the ongoing hostilities;

We also pray for:
All who are refugees, especially those who are not receiving help to rebuild their lives in safety;

We pray that the issue of climate change may not be forgotten and all the nations may act to secure the safety of our world. We pray too for all whose lives have been badly affected by climate changes in the areas where they live.

We pray that all MPs may serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they represent.

We continue to pray for the children and their families of our church and town and all who work in the NHS; Social Services and the charities who are supporting the sick or frail;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; John Malcolm; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Leslie; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall