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Churchwardens:

Eleanor Arthur

Robert Wilson

Intercessions

For the sick and those in need who have asked for our prayers.

For the recently departed: Rosie Milne, Gwen Smith.

Anniversaries of death: Stella Kenny, Jack Parkin.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	98	Christ is our cornerstone
Offertory	714	We hail thy presence glorious
Communion	622	Sweet Sacrament Divine
Recessional	217	God is love, let heaven adore him (tune: Blaenwern, 428 tune 2)
Mass setting:	952	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Results of Elections

At the Annual Meeting held on Sunday 14th April Eleanor Arthur and Robert Wilson were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Angela Luis, Trevor Potter, Frances Poulastides, Letitia Quartey-Papafio and Linda Stubbs were elected as members of the Parochial Church Council.

Patricia Brewster continues as our Deanery Synod Representative, and ex officio a member of the PCC.

Arrangements for Election Day

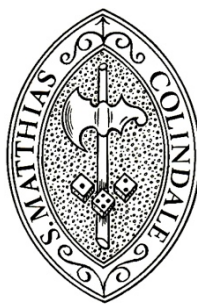
The Church Hall is now one of the polling places for West Hendon, and will be in use all day on Thursday this week for the London Authority and Mayoral elections. This co-incides with Orthodox Maundy Thursday, and the Romanian Orthodox Church will be using the Church rather than the hall for their services that day. The Parish weekday Mass will be celebrated in the chapel as usual.

PCC Meeting with the Archdeacon

The PCC will meet after Mass today, with the Archdeacon attending for informal consultation about the proposals for pastoral reorganisation.

Gwen Smith RIP

A Requiem Mass for Gwen will be celebrated here at St Matthias on Friday 10th May at 11am. The celebrant will be Bishop Peter Wheatley.



The Parish of Colindale

The Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday 28th April 2024



Mass Times and Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer

Readings and psalms for Morning and Evening Prayer are given for use with Common Worship Daily Prayer or the Book of Common Prayer. MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer. For a shorter version of the Office, use one psalm and one reading. For the same services online see tinyurl.com/jusdp. (* = a long Psalm, part of which may be omitted. Where there is a choice of two sets of Psalms, the first is for the season, the second follows the ordinary cycle.)

Sunday 28th April 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 5th Sunday of Easter 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 44.16-end; 2 Maccabees 7.7-14 or Daniel 3.16-28; Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2

EP: Psalm 96; Isaiah 60.1-14; Revelation 3.1-13

Mon 29th April No Services Feast: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

MP: Psalm 145 (or) 71; Numbers 9.15-end; 10.33-end; Luke 4.38-end

EP: Psalm 105 (or) 72, 75; Deuteronomy 16.1-20; 1 Peter 1.1-12

Tues 30th April 12.30pm Mass Commemoration: Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures

MP: Psalms 19, 147.1-12 (or) 73; Numbers 11.1-33; Luke 5.1-11

EP: Psalms 96, 97 (or) 74; Deuteronomy 17.8-end; 1 Peter 1.13-end

Weds 1st May 10am Mass Feast: Saints Philip, and James the Less, Apostles

MP: Psalms 139, 146; Proverbs 4.10-18; James 1.1-12

EP: Psalm 149; Job 23.1-12; John 1.43-end

Thurs 2nd May 9am Mass Memorial: Saint Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church

MP: Pss 57, 148 (or) 78.1-39*; Numbers 13.1-3, 17-end; Luke 5.27-end

EP: Psalm 104 (or) 78.40-end*; Deuteronomy 19; 1 Peter 2.11-end

Fri 3rd May 9am Mass Memorial: The Finding of the Holy Cross

MP: Psalms 138, 149 (or) 55; Numbers 14.1-25; Luke 6.1-11

EP: Psalm 66 (or) 69; Deuteronomy 21.22 - 22.8; 1 Peter 3.1-12

Sat 4th May 10am Mass Memorial: English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

MP: Psalms 146, 150 (or) 76, 79; Numbers 14.26-end; Luke 6.12-26

EP: Psalm 118 (or) 81, 84; Deuteronomy 24.5-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end

Sunday 5th May 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 6th Sunday of Easter 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 104.28-34; Ezekiel 47.1-12; John 21.1-19

EP: Psalm 45; Song of Solomon 4.16 - 5.2; 8.6, 7; Revelation 3.14-end

First Reading (Acts 8.26-40)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 22.24-30

Response:

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly,
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those who worship him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
'May your heart live for ever!' **R**

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations. **R**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the
saving deeds that he has done. **R**

Second Reading (1 John 4.7-21)

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,
says the Lord,
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (*John 15.1-8*)
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ