

The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter
29th April 2018**

air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the

NEXT SUNDAY		6 th May 2018
Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Hadstock Ashdon	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden Wimbish	11.00am	IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH SERVICE
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In April please pray for St Mary's Church of England & St Mary's C of E Primary School
Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick & Jenny Gallant
The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Gillian Heale & Muriel Bailey
Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:
Sophia Flack, Jessica Swarbrick & Sofia Sserunkuma

TEAM

TODAY: SAFFRON WALDEN AND VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY ANNUAL SERVICE at Wimbish Parish Church at 4pm. You are asked to come for 3.45pm when refreshments will be served as we begin thinking about our theme 'Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches.' Do read John 15:1-8 beforehand. I encourage you to come to worship with others from across our Team Ministry. *David*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 3rd May** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

SPRING RECITAL at the Church of St Botolph, Hadstock, on **Saturday 5th May** at 7.30pm. Karin Fischer-Buder (soprano) and Laura Taylor (piano, cello) will be performing a programme of music by Ford, Purcell, Caldara, Caccini, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Grieg, Fauré, Orff and Barber. Please join us for a glass of wine after the concert. Free admission; donations to support St Botolph's current repair programme will be gratefully received. *Karin Fischer-Buder*

DEBDEN CHURCH PLANT SALE, BOOK STALL AND AFTERNOON TEAS: Sunday 6th May 2.30 - 4.30pm. Live music from Bishops Stortford Wind Band, Children's art and craft activities and much more - fun for all the family. In aid of Debden Church. All are warmly welcome. *Hilary Davey*

LIVING QUESTIONS Want to know more what it means to 'follow Jesus Christ'? Have questions about faith? Then this 6 week course which begins on **Tuesday 5th June** is for you. Let me know if you'd like to book a place. *David*

CONFIRMATION SERVICE on **25th November** at 10am at St Mary's church, SW. If you are interested in being confirmed, I'd be pleased to hear from you. *David*

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ASHDON

223 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus
53 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
380 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
546 When I feel the touch
549 When I survey the wondrous Cross

A warm welcome to Rev Gavin Walter and the members of Ashdon Baptist Church to our second joint service on the fifth Sunday in the month.

NEXT WEEK, 6:30pm Saturday 5th May and at 11am Sunday 6th May we will start monthly services of spontaneous worship, called '**In Spirit and Truth**' led by Steve and Sam Rademan, The other services and the Parish Breakfast on the 6th May will be unchanged.

Intercessions workshops for the Saffron Walden and Villages Team, Saturdays 12th May and 2nd June, Ashdon Church Rooms, 10:00 - 12:00. These two sessions will complement each other but do not require that you attend both. They are intended to help members of our congregations make a start with leading the intercessions in our worship as well as being a useful review and encouragement to those who already prepare intercessions.

Programme for sessions 1 and 2

- ◆ 1a Introduction: How to and how not to.
- ◆ 1b The role of the imagination in intercessory prayer
- ◆ 1c Bible based prayers, using the readings for the day.
- ◆ 2a Introduction: What is the point of intercessions?
- ◆ 2b Basing the intercessions on the sermon
- ◆ 2c Using Ignatian style bible meditation for the prayers
- ◆ 2d Involving the whole congregation.

Spirit  ruth

the Father seeks those who will worship Him in Spirit and Truth

John 4:23