

LECTIONARY 15TH MAY - 28TH MAY

Fri 15 May	Acts 15.22-31 Psalm 57.8-end John 15.12-17	Thu 21 May	The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.
Sat 16 May	Acts 16.1-10 Psalm 100 John 15.18-21	Ascension Day	Acts 1.1-11 or Daniel 7.9-14 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1.15-23 or Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-53
Sun 17 May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading. Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66.7-18 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21 For those who require an Old Testament reading on the Sundays of Easter: Genesis 8.20 – 9.17	Fri 22 May	Acts 18.9-18 Psalm 47.1-6 John 16.20-23
Rogation Day	Deuteronomy 8.1-10 or 1 Kings 8.35-40 or Job 28.1-11 Psalm 104.21-30 or Psalm 107.1-9 or Psalm 121 Philippians 4.4-7 or 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 or 1 John 5.12-15 Matthew 6.1-15 or Mark 11.22-24 or Luke 11.5-13	Sat 23 May	Acts 18.22-end Psalm 47.1-2, 7-end John 16.23-28
Mon 18 May	Acts 16.11-15 Psalm 149.1-5 John 15.26-16.4	Sun 24 May	The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading. Acts 1.6-14 Psalm 68.1-10,32-35* 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 John 17.1-11 For those who require an Old Testament reading on the Sundays of Easter: Ezekiel 36.24-28
Tue 19 May	Acts 16.22-34 Psalm 138 John 16.5-11	Mon 25 May	Acts 19.1-8 Psalm 68.1-6 John 16.29-end
Wed 20 May	Acts 17.15, 22-18.1 Psalm 148.1-2, 11-end John 16.12-15	Tue 26 May	Acts 20.17-27 Psalm 68.9-10, 18-19 John 17.1-11
		Wed 27 May	Acts 20.28-end Psalm 68.27-28, 32-end John 17.11-19
		Thu 28 May	Acts 22.30, 23.6-11 Psalm 16.1, 5-end John 17.20-end

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You don't know what you don't know - and even when you know something new it can often highlight how much else you don't know.

How should we handle uncertainty and living in a climate that harbours so much change, isn't 'normal' but has mostly consisted of the same four walls for the last two months?

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[a] in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Humans have always sought knowledge and a way to understand, even measure and predict the uncertainties of life. When the early Greeks covered all bases worshiping all the known gods they were eager to include an altar 'to an unknown god' - just in case. Everything was created from a place of knowing and being known. There was a perfect template, the theory said, for each animal and person, from which everything was copied. The title for this was 'Word'. John specifically refers to this concept - in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God, through him all things were made and came into being.' Far from being unknown, God is literally known - the Word.

This wonderful God knows us and loves us; the psalmist asserts that God knew us before we were born. He is our ever present help in times of trouble and we are made in his image. We are a reflection in part of Christ, and through his Spirit we are alive in him. If we are committed to Christ, even with doubts - we are known by him and Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be with us, we are wound up, bound up, with our creator God.

In times of trial we can know ourselves more deeply - it reveals character traits in us, some good, some less so. We will over the last few months been made more aware of ourselves, come to know ourselves a little differently. So it is, and can be with Christ. If we spend time with Jesus we can know him more deeply and be known more closely. If we are able to reflect on how we are known and loved by Christ was can share this good news with those we know and love. I pray we get the opportunity. Amen.

Reverend Marc Terry

Church Dispersed

Worshipping from Home

If you don't already follow our Facebook page, now is the time to as it is where you can be kept up to date with any new information. It is also where you will be able to see services as they are streamed live.

Don't forget to use the "Prayer From Home" service sheet which can be downloaded from our Coronavirus Resources webpage <https://bybrook.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/> This resource can be used alongside the daily lectionary readings which can be found on the back page.

Live services will also be streamed on our Website, on our new [Worship At Home](#) page from for those unable to access Facebook.

Opportunity to get involved

If you would like to be involved with a reading, the prayers or perhaps the worship, we would love to hear from you. If you are keen to try but are not sure about how, then don't worry, we can give you some tips to help get you started. Just send an email to revmarcterry@gmail.com to express your interest and Marc will let you know what to do next.

Good News Stories

If you have any Good News stories that you would like to share, in the Bybrook News, we would love to hear from you.

What has been a blessing to you?

Email: Bybrook.office@gmail.com with the subject "Bybrook News"

Supporting your local church

Being church together looks very different for us all at the moment. Church, 'ekklesia', assembly or congregation is always about the people. We the people are the church and how this church has supported one another is inspiring. A congregation is also used to, by its very definition, congregating - gathering together which we miss being able to do in our church buildings at the moment.

People are giving so much in dedication, time and prayer for which we are truly thankful. Some members of our churches contribute financially to the support of the church building and its outreach to the community. Since the buildings are currently closed the opportunity for the church to receive those gifts is much reduced. If you would normally contribute financially or would consider a one off gift you can find out details of how on the individual church pages at <https://bybrook.org.uk/our-churches/>

These are not normal times for any of us and we are not asking for people to give beyond their means, we value your time and prayers and love you equally. Your own households will be stretched financially, emotionally, physically at the moment and we pray for you and live with you in those trials.

Online Worship

Upcoming services: Streamed from 9.30am on our [Website](#) and [Facebook Page](#)

17th May
Service with a Smile
24th May
Holy Communion

Useful Resources

Church Online

<https://bybrook.org.uk/worship-at-home/>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Common Worship Calendar/ Lectionary <http://almanac.oremus.org/>

Daily Prayer Resources

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Prayer Apps

<https://innerroom.app/>
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Online Bibles / Bible Study

<https://www.biblegateway.com/>
<https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/> <https://www.youversion.com/>
<https://bibleproject.com/>
<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/>

Children's resources

<https://www.bible.com/en-GB/kids>
<https://guardiansofancora.com/>
<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/familyfaith/>
<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/make-and-pray>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources>

For women suffering from abuse
<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

For men suffering from abuse
<https://mensadvice.org.uk/>

For those wanting to stop abusing the ones they love:

<https://respectphoneline.org.uk/>



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

A Prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer Matters



Please continue to pray for:

- * Those suffering from the Coronavirus,
- * The bereaved, having to process their grief during lockdown. Many unable to attend funerals or to comfort their relatives.
- * Those suffering from, loneliness, mental illness, domestic abuse or financial as a result of Coronavirus.
- * The wedding couples who were due to get married in our churches this month
- * The NHS frontline care workers.
- * The Police and Emergency services
- * Care workers and those working in residential and nursing homes
- * All other key workers and those still working surrounded by uncertainty.
- * Our government and those in authority who are leading the national and international response.
- * A building and strengthening of the blessings seen from communities working together.
- * Staff at Bybrook Valley and Kington St Michael Primary Schools as they care for the children of Key Workers
- * For families as they continue to negotiate home learning.
- * For the Team Council as they discern the way forward for the Bybrook Team