

# PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Service Today:

9.30am Sung Eucharist at St. Paul's

10.30am Sung Eucharist at The Minster

11.00am Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's

18.00pm Evensong followed by APCM

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## Reflection

The clergy were having a vestry discussion this week about sermons and how to summarise what a sermon is about. One pearl of wisdom recalled from a wise old preacher was "if in doubt, just preach love". That is a good place to start and a great place to end. The heart of the Trinity is love: the love between the Father, Son and Spirit and the wonder that we are called into the heart of this mystery. This means that love may come around quite often in sermons but we really cannot leave it out. If in doubt: it's love.

Our gospel reading today is very apt. Jesus is speaking to his disciples about abiding in God's love and we are all commanded to show that love in our lives. Jesus in these verses is leading us to the very heart of God. There's more: We're to be called friends and not servants. This is not about slavish obedience but this is an invitation of friendship from the God who made us, loves us and redeems us. Our faith is a story of relationship and friendship and how we share that love with others.

Revd Simon

## This Week's Diary

*Minster open daily 10am-12pm Morning Prayer is said daily in the Minster at 9am: All welcome*

Date			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Craft Group	St. Mary's
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Lunchtime Eucharist	Minster
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Midweek Eucharist	St. Mary's
	11.00	VE Day Commemoration	St. George's Park
	12.30	Wednesday Club	St. Mary's
	13.00	Funeral of the late Christine Wilby	St. Paul's
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Bible Study Group	Revd Liz House
	10.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Mary's
	14.00	Parish Mothers' Union	Vestry
	16.45	Choristers	Minster
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	Ascension Day Eucharist	St. Paul's
	19.30	Bell Ringers Practice	Bell Tower
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Hand Bell Ringers	Vestry
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Vestry Hour	Minster
	12.30	Bingo	St. Mary's
	13.00	Corolean Chorus Concert	Minster
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday after Ascension	
	9.30	Sung Eucharist	St. Paul's
	10.30	Sung Eucharist	Minster
	11.00	Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's
	19.00	Music for a May evening	Minster

## NOTICES

**VE Day** will be marked with a ceremony in St George's Park, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. As part of this a tree will be planted marking the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Partition of Cypress.

**Ascension Day** service at St Paul's, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6pm. Everyone welcome to join us for this service. Afterwards there'll be a simple supper at the Rectory. Please let Simon / Tracy Lacey know if you would like food.

**Mother Ashley's last Sunday** is next week! She will preside at St. Paul's and St. Mary's, followed by a bring & share lunch at the Minster at 12.30pm, All Welcome.

**Music for a May Evening** sung by the ABY Choir will take place Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Minster, at 7pm. All welcome.

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day** is marked this year. A Lamp For Peace will be lit at a ceremony in the Minster at 12noon on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** (coffee from 11.15). This light will be taken by the charity Walking With the Wounded and carried to the D-Day beaches of Normandy.

**Leaving Gift** for Mother Ashley: if you wish to contribute to Mother's leaving gift please pass your contributions to Fr Simon, Revd Liz or Mike Hewitt.

**Great Yarmouth Mosque** invite you to their Open Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 12noon till 3pm, refreshments available. Masjid At-Tauweed & the Norfolk and Suffolk Islamic Mission. 39 Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1BH.

**Parish Magazine:** The May magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: [patstringer1840@gmail.com](mailto:patstringer1840@gmail.com)

## Place of Welcome

Coffee & Chat  
St. Mary's

Thurs

10.30am-12.30pm

Pathway

Wed / Fri

11.30am - 1pm

**PARISH PRAYER LIST.** Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Tracy, Bev, Shirley, Michael, Kevin, Sue, Mick, Colin. We remember before God the recently departed: Rose Jerome, Christine Wilby.