



**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 28th of April
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
BCP - The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Services in Truro Cathedral today

8:00am Holy Communion – The Book of Common Prayer, Canon Alan Bashforth
10:00am Choral Eucharist - President: Dean Simon, Preacher: Canon Sue Wallace
Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards in the North Transept
4:00pm Choral Evensong Preacher: Canon Elly Sheard

10:00am Choral Eucharist - This morning's hymns are:

Processional hymn: 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
Offertory hymn: 364 (Tune: Blaenwern) God is Love
Post Communion hymn: 302 O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Music today at Choral Eucharist

Introit Now the green blade riseth Mass setting: Messe Solennelle *Langlais*
Motet Ave Verum Corpus *Elgar* Voluntary Alleluyas *Preston*

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Responsorial Psalm 33:1-9

Response: Let your loving kindness be upon us, O Lord

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Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, for it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the Lord with the lyre; on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
Sing for him a new song; play skilfully, with shouts of praise. **Response:**

For the word of the Lord is true and all his works are sure.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth. **Response:**

He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin and lays up the deep in his treasury.
Let all the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.
For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. **Response:**

Second reading - Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

Then 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.

Gospel Reading - John 15.1-8

'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.

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen**

This week we are praying for: Philip Sharp, Christine Lidgeley, Albert Jackson, Margaret, Jo, Andrew May, May Kincaid, Alison, Ann Churchill, Tracey M, John James, Fiona Davie, June Parnell, Barbara Cowdry, Clive Gough, Jill Jacobs, Pam Smith, Elisabeth Sheard, Ruth Hawkins
RIP Annie Gooch, James Henderson, Joyce Poore

News, notices and the diary for the week beginning 28th of April 2024

Food bank

Thank you again to all those who contribute to our monthly collection for Truro Foodbank. Next week, Sunday May 5th is our next collection date, so please give as generously as you are able. Truro Foodbank have told us that in the first three months of this year, the donation weight from the Cathedral is 42.5 kilos which equates to 71 meals. In the calendar year of 2023 donations (from the Cathedral) totalled 459 kilos which equates to 765 meals. They remain grateful for all the help we give them.

Monday 29th	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	17:30	Choral Evensong
Tuesday 30th	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	17:30	Solemn Evensong on the Eve of Ss. Philip and James
Wednesday 1st May	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	17:30	Solemn Eucharist for the feast of Ss Philip and James
Thursday 2nd	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	12:10	Christian meditation (<i>Finn cross</i>)
	17:30	Choral Evensong
Friday 3rd	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	11:00	BCP Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	17:30	Choral Evensong
Saturday 4th	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
	16:00	Evening Prayer (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>)
Next Sunday, 5th of May 2024: The Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	08:00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:00	Choral Eucharist
	16:00	Evensong sung by combined Choirs of Exeter and Truro cathedrals

Cathedral Guides

We are currently seeking more people to join our volunteer team of cathedral guides, helping others to experience and appreciate the wonder of our glorious cathedral. Please get in touch with Charmian Law to find out more: CharmianLaw@trurocathedral.org.uk

Regular Giving

Our thanks go to the many members of the congregation who give monthly via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). It is a reliable and easy way to contribute and keep track of your giving, and when you give regularly there are no deductions for administration costs – the whole of your gift is passed directly to the cathedral. You can even opt in to Gift Aid, boosting the value of your contribution by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. To join, visit www.parishgiving.org.uk, call 0333 002 1271 (9 – 5, Monday to Friday) or pick up a form in the cathedral.

Truro Cathedral has this week been awarded Bronze status under the A Rocha eco-church scheme. This award scheme is designed to encourage churches to work towards more environmentally-friendly working in our Worship, Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. If you want to join our Creation Care Group or know more, do speak to Canon Elly Sheard. Our next target is to work towards Silver accreditation - many thanks to all whose hard work has made our journey thus far successful.