



St Leonard's Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

16th May 2021

"To be a Christian presence in the community, embodying God's love in all we say and do."

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Prayers:

Bidding: Lord, we wait on you:

Response: Fill us, Holy Spirit of God.

First Reading: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel: *John 17:6-19*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said:

'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This week:

- Monday** 11.30am **Seated exercise class** restarts. Numbers are limited but there are vacancies for three more people. If you would like to attend, please let Sue Ayliff know, sueayliffchurchac@yahoo.co.uk
- Tuesday** 7.30pm Bible study group via Zoom
- Wednesday** 10am Communion in church and via Zoom
- Saturday** 10am Morning Prayer in church and via Zoom
10.30am to 12 noon Church open for individual private prayer
- Sunday 23rd May Pentecost** 10am Eucharist in church and via Zoom

Further ahead:

Saturday 5th June 11am *Explore Together* all-age Bible study resumes.

The following events are dependent on Covid restrictions being lifted:

Saturday 10th July 10.30am. Put up Memory Blanket after Morning Prayer. People can bring in hearts on the day (if they haven't already) and light candles.

Sunday 11th July 6pm. Memorial service for those who've died during the pandemic.

Saturday 31st July, 3pm to 5pm. Community afternoon tea, with music from Gospel Bell.

Memory Hearts



We will hold memorial events, the weekend of 10th/11th July, to remember those who've died during the pandemic, and want to create a 'Memory Blanket' covered in fabric hearts to put on display.

Make a fabric heart in memory of your loved one decorated, on one side only, any way you wish.

Hearts should be no more than 26cms (10") wide and 30cms (12") long.

Completed Memory Hearts can be brought into church any Saturday or Sunday morning, by 27th June, please.

APCM 2021

This year's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will take place in church on Sunday 4th July, after the morning service.

The annual report is currently being compiled. If you normally write something for the report, please send it to Kathryn Allan, PCC Secretary, kathryn.allan@ucl.ac.uk, as soon as possible.

St Leonard's School

There is a vacancy for a Foundation Governor (one appointed by the PCC). Please speak to Revd Sue if you are interested.

We hope to start Open the Book assemblies (acting out Bible stories) again in school sometime in the summer term. Please speak to Revd Sue if you are interested in taking part. No acting experience necessary!