



THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th May, 7th Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Priory on the Sunday after the Ascension. Thank you for coming today. If you are visiting, you are among friends and fellow pilgrims, and we are so glad that you have come to join us.

Today is Altogether Worship, and we are continuing with the theme of Ascension leading on to Pentecost next week. On Thursday, the morning was beautiful for our annual trip up the tower for the Ascension Service. Later, we worshipped again, this time led by Marje, who was celebrating the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women and her priesting. It was an extraordinary time, and we are so fortunate to have Marje in our ministry team.

Dylan, with his 'signature' cleaning, has made the custos/clergy vestry look much tidier. He's now gearing up to welcome 'Dylan's Cleaning Angels' for a Priory Spring Clean on 18th May. We invite you to join this community effort. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and a little elbow grease! We'll start after Morning Prayer at 9:30am.

From early July, the collection plate will be passed around in the main morning service and brought up at the 8:00am service. Hopefully, this will encourage folk to give to the ministry here at the Priory. If you don't have cash, card machines are available, and if you pay by standing order, green tokens can be used to represent your donation. We appreciate every penny given. Thank you!

I know how many of you appreciate the large print service booklets. We are about to begin printing some more, so we shouldn't run out quite as often. Watch this space!

Every blessing, Rod

TODAY

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President Revd Adam Wharton, Preacher Revd Rod Corke

10:30am Altogether Worship Minister & Preacher Revd Rod Corke

6:30pm Parish Communion President & Preacher Revd David Ibbotson

COMING UP

Monday to Saturday 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Giles' Chapel

Tuesday 6:00pm Praise Group, Lyttelton Rooms

Wednesday 11:30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Giles' Chapel

Thursday 6:00pm Table Tennis, Lyttelton Rooms

7:30pm Bell Ringers' practice

Friday 4:00pm Handbell rehearsal

6:00/7:00pm Junior/Adult choir practice

Saturday Farmers' Market on the Drive

9:30am 'Cleaning Angels'

10:00am Just-A-Cuppa

11:00am Guided Tour

7:00pm Malvern Festival Chorus concert 'Spirituals and Psalms'

Next Sunday 19th May, Pentecost (Whitsunday)

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President Revd Adam Wharton, Preacher Revd Rod Corke

10:30am Parish Communion

President Revd Ted Crofton, Preacher Chris Boulton

12:30pm Church Lunch, Foley Arms

3:00pm Messy Church, Lyttelton Rooms

6:30pm Evensong Minister & Preacher Richard Weatherill

PRIORY INFORMATION, NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome! If you are visiting or are new to the Priory, we are glad to have you with us. Please do say hello to one of the ministers, welcomers or sidespeople.

Home groups: Details of meeting times and days can be obtained from Tony Whalley.

Children's groups: Identity (11+) runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, FROGs (under 11s; under 4s with an adult please) runs on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. All welcome to join in!

The current Priory Prayer Diary is available on our website. Click on the Worship tab, then regular worship, then private prayer, and follow the link.

Prayer Vine If you would like a prayer request put on the Priory Prayer Vine, email pv-request@greatmalvernpriory.org.uk, or contact Rod on 07977 444864.

Malvern Festival Chorus: Spirituals and Psalms. Saturday, 18 May, 7.00pm.

Malvern Festival Chorus and conductor Jonathan Brown, invite you to join them for a concert featuring John Rutter's "Feel the Spirit" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms". For more information visit: www.malvernfestivalchorus.co.uk

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DGDY>

‘What’s Going On?’ Messy Church on Sunday 19th May, 3-5pm in the Lyttelton Rooms. All families welcome for a wonderful afternoon of Jesus-centred exciting activity and enjoyment exploring Pentecost, as well as a lovely tea at the end!

Elgar Festival: Relaxed Concert, Thursday, 30 May, 3.00pm. Elgar for Everyone really does mean Elgar for EVERYONE. Join us for a very relaxed concert given by members of the ESO wind section for people living with disabilities, dementia and other challenges. Free admission. Advance booking advised.

<http://www.elgarfestival.org/> or call Worcester Theatres on 01905 611427

Worcester Organists' Association: talk on C V Stanford followed by a recital. Saturday, 1 June, talks from 11.00am; recital from 12.00pm. A talk on CV Stanford followed by a recital by Andrew McCrea (Worcester). Admission free, retiring collection.

The Friends’ Shop is looking for more volunteers from the congregation to help out in the shop either on a regular or ad hoc basis. If you enjoy meeting people and chatting to visitors, please ask Anne Eglington for more information or email:

friends.malvernpriory@gmail.com.

A date for your diaries – garden evening at the Websters, Wednesday 12th June, 6:30pm.

Leaving Gift for Rod & Rita: we would like to show our appreciation of Rod & Rita's ministry at the Priory with a gift from us all. The Wardens or Custos will be pleased to receive contributions. Thank you.

Live Streaming: We are looking for a few people to test our live streaming of services over the next few weeks. This involves simply viewing it - either at the time of the service (preferable) or later. If you would like to help please contact me: robin.lafontaine@greatmalvernpriory.org.uk.

Thank you to everyone who featured in the new Priory Portrait Directory and who has bought their copy. After printing costs we have raised a wonderful £297.00 for the floor levelling fund. If you are in it and have not yet bought your copy, then it's not too late! They are available for £3.00 from the Parish Office.

Date for your diary: This year’s Environment Service takes place on 9 June. The Environment Group are also organising a Book & Games Swap for 9/10 June, as part of Big Green Week, when you are invited to bring along any unwanted books/games and swap them for something new. More details to follow, but please start thinking about what you could swap.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Foodbank: www.malvern hills.foodbank.org.uk.

Malvern Christian Aid Service Holy Trinity Church, Link Top Sunday 12th May - 4.00pm. All Welcome.

Monday 9th to Sunday 19th May: Thy Kingdom Come 2024 Join Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Here in Malvern we will be holding a Prayer Walk on the Hills on Saturday 18th May, the final Saturday of that week. We will meet outside the Lyttelton Well at 9:30am and you can either join with others to pray in one of the Lyttelton rooms or join Rev Becky and Jamie Elliott (and their labrador!) who will lead the prayer walk over the hills, returning to the Lyttelton Well for coffee around 11am. Then on the following day...

Malvern Churches Together Pentecost Celebration, Sunday 19th May, 6pm at St. Andrews, Poolbrook with Christopher Landau from ReSource (<https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/>) supporting local churches in spiritual renewal, with a particular focus on 'little, local, ordinary' churches.'

If you would like further information, or to contact any of the named individuals, please contact our Parish Administrator (details below)

WE PRAY FOR

Children and young people sitting exams at this time, especially those in year 6 sitting their SATs this week.

CONTACT DETAILS

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The Parish Office is open on Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm for drop-in visitors and telephone calls. On other days you can contact the office by email, which is monitored regularly, or by leaving a message on the answerphone. If your request is pastoral and urgent, please contact Revd Rod Corke.

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