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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16 May 2010

Raised to God in Glory

1st reading: Acts 1:1-11

Luke begins the Acts of the Apostles by going back to the end of his Gospel and to the account of the ascension. He proclaims that Jesus' return to the Father is the beginning of the Church.

2nd reading: Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

The sacrifices of the old law are contrasted with Christ's perfect sacrifice in which he bore our sins himself.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus instructs his disciples to await his gift of the Spirit who will empower them to preach in his name.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Gloria 406 Sanctus 428 Communion Acclamation 446
Agnus Dei 453

The ending of Eastertide

Sometimes you hear of a wedding in Sicily or somewhere where the festivities go on for a couple of weeks. Easter sets up a really long period of rejoicing so that we give praise to God, what we cannot see becomes visible to our minds and our fears from frailty and mortality are greatly reduced. The glorious truth seeps in. The season ends with great feasts, the Ascension, Pentecost and Corpus Christi, all now on Sundays in England and Wales.

Corpus Christi reminds us of the sacramental means whereby what was achieved at the first Easter - "The Paschal Mystery" - is there for us all the year round. The gift is so great that when the Church started getting heavily into the intellectual life in the scholastic movement (C11 - C14) it was doubted by Berengarius and reaffirmed by the Church in the Lateran Council, 1215. when the bishops gather and affirm a point of faith or morals, the Pope concurring, you get "dogma", the expression of a part of the Church's belief. So we believe that under the appearance of Bread and Wine we receive Jesus himself who said "This is my body, this my blood."

The gladness was so great at this affirmation that a feast was instituted and Thomas Aquinas set to write the hymns for it.

When I was a boy at school we had Benediction twice a week and, on the feast of Corpus Christi, we processed through the streets of Slindon, Sussex behind the host carried in a monstrance.

I think two things have happened since then. The first is that the demonstration has become somewhat aggressive and therefore to go through the streets might be counter productive. The second is that with frequent communion encouraged by St Pius X at the beginning of the twentieth century, and with the Second Vatican Council, the stress is on our Lord's words, "take and eat". Benediction or a Corpus Christi procession derives from the central gift, the Mass.

So, should we do something a little special? By a sort of design, first communions happen on that day and Confirmation nearby – Extraordinary ministers as well as everyone could be specially invited. We might assemble in the garden, sing some hymns, process up to the Church, and receive a blessing. We could invite the Poles to join us. The motive would include to express and increase our joy and faith.

I am writing this on holiday. I will try to set up a meeting next week for anyone with suggestions.

TVR

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15am Mass at Wendover
Damien Hall after 11am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners
Visitors are most welcome

Parish News

Philosophy

In the post Easter period I have written four papers – on “Self Appropriation”, “Being”, “Two sorts of insight” and “Principles and Authentic Persons”. I am placing 20 copies of each at the back of IHM church. One is probably enough to deal with for a week.

My first idea is that this way interest might broaden in the philosophy group. It then occurred to me that the scripture groups which were formed a couple of years ago might find matter for discussion. I would be glad to come and clarify things for such a group.

TVR

Dorrie Newson was one of the founder parishioners at IHM; a great example to all our community in her faithfulness & holiness; & a dearly loved friend. Dorrie died in 2003 & is buried in the Lawn Cemetery at Ss Peter & Paul in a presently unmarked grave. As Dorrie had no surviving family, Anna Blundell is arranging for a memorial plaque. If any other parishioners would like to contribute to this, please send a cheque payable to Joanna Hale to 1 Cedar Grove, Amersham, HP7 9BG. (Contributions in excess of the cost would be sent to the Sacred Hearts in Mozambique.)

Prayer Intentions

Anniversaries: In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

At IHM Caroline Elder Roberts, Eileen Dungy, Helen Virth, Fr Roger Edmunds, Mary Dineen, Kevin Gallagher, Rose Surrey, Brenda Hamilton, Doris Newson, Thomas Houghton, Rita Andrews, Marcel Delaporte.

At St Anne's Jim Carroll, Elizabeth Parkinson, Lesley Matthey, Gerry Doyle.

Seasonal Intentions: During the Easter Season we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church;

Human work;

Priestly vocations;

Right use of the media, esp 16 May;

The Church, esp 23 May, Pentecost.

Confirmation

The group and their sponsors will meet from 5.30 to 7 pm in the church on Sunday 16 May for a 'Walkthrough'. Please pray for our young people, their sponsors, families and friends as we approach Confirmation at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19 May. Please contact Joanna with any questions.

Friday Prayers for Reparation and Atonement

Our Bishops invite us to make the four Fridays in May 2010 special days of prayer, requesting us to come before the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes to pray for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. Please visit the Lord at any time that you can, either for silent personal prayer, or to use the leaflets that will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary and at St Anne's. Joanna Hale

The Quiet Garden at Holy Trinity

Church Cottage, Prestwood, will be open from 9.45 until 11.45 a.m. on MONDAY 17 May for prayer and reflection, led by Pam Sitford from the Methodist Church.

Charity Lunch IHM 21 May

The Immaculate Heart of Mary are supporting Christian Aid Week by providing a Charity Lunch in Damien Hall on Friday 21 May at 12.15 pm. There will be a two course lunch, including coffee for £7.50 (pudding optional £1). Do come along, enjoy a good lunch with excellent company and support Christian Aid. To help with catering we would appreciate your confirmation and payment before 19 May by contacting Keyna Godward.

Christian Aid Week

Please bring back your envelopes as soon as possible. Please do not leave money lying around. Diane Marston will be collecting at the back of St Anne's.

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 23 May at 10.30 am, St Mary's Church

At Pentecost Sunday, Churches Together in Wendover continues to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Covenant between the three churches. We come together for a special service on Sunday 23 May at 10.30 am at St Mary's Church which will be followed by a picnic (weather permitting!). The first special service in January included a potted history of the churches in Wendover, relating how the different denominations arrived in the village and how a spirit of co-operation had produced more and more opportunities to work and worship together over the years – a spirit which led to a formal covenant for future activities and commitment being signed in 2000. All are welcome to share in the service and in the picnic which follows.

Wendover in Flower

Late Bank Holiday Weekend, St Mary's Church

Watch out for details of St Mary's Flower Festival at the end of May. Go and enjoy the arrangements, including our own, as well as refreshments, musical entertainments and other fund raising activities for the St Mary's Refurbishment Project.

Wendover Charity Market

Saturday 5 June

St Anne's tries to raise as much money as possible for CAFOD at the Charity Markets on the Manor Waste. The next one is on Saturday 5 June. Any new ideas very welcome. Please contact Sue Abbott.

St Anne's Pastoral Council

Thursday 10 June

As well as our usual agenda items of Pastoral, Liturgical and Social events or needs, we will also discuss the 10th anniversary of the Churches Together in Wendover Covenant and the work of the new Pastoral Area Steering Group. Agenda items to Marguerite Spain.

St Anne's Hall

You will see that repairs to the roof are now well underway. We shall give you a better progress report next week. Mike Spain

Uganda Orphans Bega kwa Bega

Our seventh annual supper did not disappoint!!! It is always a pleasant surprise that it comes together so well; though it should not..... given so much willing help (for which much thanks to everybody). The net surplus from the evening was £811.46. Our thanks to everybody for being so generous towards those so much less fortunate. We have given the proceeds of the raffle £152.80 to Hannah Bysouth to help fund her visit to Uganda where she will work with BkB's mobile clinic. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!!! Mike Spain

Vacancy – Diocesan Youth Worker for Outreach

Recruitment has begun to fill the above vacancy in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office, NYMO based in Princes Risborough, Bucks. Interested in this exciting opportunity? For a full Job Profile and an application form please either visit the Diocese Website www.northamptondiocese.org or call Paula Williams, HR Adviser on 01604 714840 and leave your name and postal or e-mail address. Closing date for applications will be 21 June.

Date	Time	Event
Sun 16 May	1 pm	Parish walk
Thurs 10 June		St Anne's Pastoral Council

Hall Bookings

Damien Hall Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre Sue Abbott

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This week's services

	Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden	St Anne's Wendover
Mon 17 May	8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Tue 18 May Pope St John I	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Wed 19 May Bl Peter Wright op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS 5 pm MASS & Rosary (Polish)	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 20 May St Bernadine of Siena	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 7.30 pm Prayer and Benediction	10.15am MASS & Rosary
Fri 21 May St Christopher Magellanes & co	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 22 May St Rita of Cascia op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS	11 am Confession
Sun 23 May PENTECOST	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS