

+ 5th Sunday of Easter

On Sunday we learn
from Acts 3 of Peter
and John's encounter
on the way to pray.



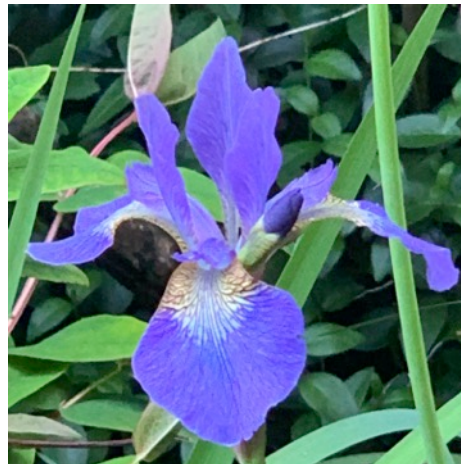
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and when told
enter

487 492 264#

to join the Zoom
service on Sunday
at 11am



Dear Friends

+ Psalm 67

May God be
gracious to us and
bless us and make
his face to shine
upon us, that your
ways may be
known on earth,
your salvation
among all peoples.

The grapevine usually works when you don't want it to but we are happy to tell you that we have a new granddaughter born on Monday in Australia. We give thanks for her safe arrival and the blessing of her life to our son Jonathan and his wife Kelsie. Our grandson Ezra has the responsibility of informing his grandparents of his new sister's name so we have to wait until he meets her first! She looks gorgeous and we spent some of time with them in the first hours – the wonder of modern communications! Thank you for all your prayers through a difficult pregnancy.

This week Peter had a meeting with another 80 CPAS Patronage incumbents. It was an encouraging hour and a half.



Invitation to Pray

June Trippett invites you to join her and others every morning at 10 am to pray.

A prayer for today

Father in heaven, we thank you with all our hearts because we know you are holding us by your hand and leading us on all our ways, in spite of all contradiction, strife, distress, and confusion within ourselves.

What are all these compared to your love,

which does not let us go but watches over us and finally brings us to what is good?

Release us from our many burdens. Free our spirits and our souls more and more until we can do nothing but give praise and thanks with heart, soul, and strength for all you are to us.

Amen.



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that he came away with as they shared together about the impact of the pandemic on the local church. First, that we need to “lean into new ways of being” as we have seen a desire to meet more regularly and engage with the things of God, and second, that we are “re-discovering the power of faith-filled homes to nurture the household in the things of God.”

May you find God to be close and encouragement in knowing that Christ is building his Church.

With our love, Peter & Rosie 🌿

0800 804 8044



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

What to do if you're feeling lonely – start *being* a friend!

Start Praying for Others. Ask someone you know, “How can I pray for you?”

Write down what they tell you, then pray for them regularly – maybe join others who June Trippett has encouraged to join her each morning at 10am praying for family, friends and neighbours.

When you pray regularly for other people, your empathy and concern for them grows, and God brings about his work in you to bless you.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 🕊

Parish Lunch on Wheels

Friday 15th May 12.30

Call Rachel 07515831161 or leave a message on the Parish Office no. if you have not heard from her and would like a meal delivered to your home. 🕊





Thought for the Week

Thanksgiving, Joy, Partnership in the Gospel & The Day of Christ

In Paul's letter to the Philippians we see four central themes; thanksgiving, joy, partnership in the gospel and the day of Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)

Despite his imprisonment, Paul prays with thankfulness and joy, as he remembers their partnership in the gospel. He celebrates that as a church they are working together to see people saved! In verse 6 we see that salvation is God's work! From start to finish God is the one who works in us and therefore all the thanks and glory go to God!

Finally Paul points them (and us) to the truth that one day Jesus is coming back! Paul's letter is written with one eye on Jesus' return; a truth and hope we can cling onto with all our strength. In these days of Covid-19, we long for Christ to return and make all things new. In the meantime we can pray with joy and thanksgiving and ask God to draw more people to himself made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Ben ✍️