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.

> This is the Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the First Letter of John

4.7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15.1-8 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings, is for you to take home to study at your leisure. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish. www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

28th April, 2024

The 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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

8.26-end

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, gueen 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:

¹Like 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

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Prayer of preparation

Spirit of God, come among us, work within us. Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness. Cleanse us and make us new. Touch us and make us whole. Receive our worship in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Children from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join the Junior Church which meets in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! They go out to JC after the Collect prayer and return for Communion. There is a children's corner for tots at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are available through the Trinity Room.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. If you wish to remain off camera please sit in the left hand bank

Services Today 10.00am Parish Eucharist President Rev'd Lizzie Hood Preacher Rev'd Lizzie Hood Hymns HON 402, 289, 324, 706, 607, 499 Jnr Church Suzanne **3pm** Songs of Praise, farewell to Lizzie THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY Monday 29th April 9am Morning Prayer 2pm Pastoral Group in Alban Room 7.30pm CA Group in TR Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm Auction Committee meet in TR Wednesday 1st May 10am Morning Prayer 2pm Craft Group in TR Vacancy Meeting in TR 7.30pm All Welcome Thursday 2nd May 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am Toddler Church in TR Friday 3rd May 7.00pm Choir Practice Saturday 4th May 10-12 Churchyard Gardening Party 10-12 Coffee Shop Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Acts 10.44-end

1 John 5.1-6 John 15.9-17

Readings:

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRAYERS

... for the sick: King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Bishop Alan, Maureen Bellett, John, Marilyn and Laurence Blythe, Phyllis Duncan, Madge Field, Amelie Flatt, Lynn Freeman, Kay Hawes, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Carole Robson, and Su.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Brian Siegertsz, Margaret Browning, Kim House, and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st May 7.30pm

Vacancy Meeting in the Trinity Room with Bishop, Archdeacon and Rural Dean. All welcome

Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm

Brass Band Concert at St Benedict's for the Mayor's Fund. See poster.

Saturday 11th May at 2pm

Auction of Goods and Promises at Leverstock Green School.

Saturday 25th May - 10am

HT Plant Sale - please bring your spare plants.

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May 175th Anniversary Weekend

Gift Weekend, Exhibition on the history of our church.

Saturday June 15th 7.30pm Parish Quiz at LG School

NOTICES

This is Lizzie's last Sunday with us. There will be a Songs of Praise at 3pm, followed by a party in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Nursery places for September 2024 are available at Leverstock Green School, 15 or 30 hours. Tours most Thursday mornings during term time. Call 01442 406520 to book an appointment.

Church Foodbank – Please support this important resource for those in need. Cash donations welcome or Items of in-date, non-perishable food and essential cleaning/ toiletries can be left at the donation point in the TR.

AUCTION

11th May at LG school at 2pm. Viewing from 12-2pm Quality items wanted & services you can provide. DIY, gardening, baking, lifts to airports etc. Send your ideas, big or small, items with photos, to: ht.events@ hotmail.com & we'll get back to you. 07769 462513 https://beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/02/Holy-Trinity-Auction-1.pdf

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