

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

A congregation of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe
and a Member of the World-Wide Anglican Communion

**St John's is an inclusive Congregation & welcomes
everyone to worship and take Communion with us.**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING!**



**Sunday 28 April, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter**

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welcome person at the back of the church before the Service begins.**

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nos vidéos./ Our services are videoed and posted on the internet. You may
appear in our videos.**

NOTICES & ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 453 Lord Enthroned In Heavenly Splendour

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (8:26-40)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward 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, queen 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: "Like 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 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN (4:7-21)

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Gospel

HYMN # 83 Bread Of Heaven On Thee We Feed

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....

All: Glory to you O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (15:1-8)

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE OR CHOIR ANTHEM

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # You Are The Vine

**You are the Vine, we are the branches, keep us abiding in you.
(twice)**

**Then we'll grow in your love, then we'll go in your name,
That the world will surely know that you have power to heal
and to save.**

**You are the Vine, we are the branches, keep us abiding in you.
(twice)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Communion Prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE CONGREGATION

*If you are a believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; or Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer; we welcome you to take Communion with us. It is also
perfectly acceptable to take only the bread, or only the wine, if you so wish.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of taking Communion, or would
like a prayer for healing at the altar rail, please ask the priest when he comes to
you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING (*Please stand*)

FINAL HYMN # 490 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD & POSTLUDE

NOTICES

A reminder that our Congregational Annual General Meeting (including the meetings of both our Charity Association and our Church Association) will be held immediately following our Coffee time this morning

Readings for Sunday May 5 (6th Sunday of Easter): Acts 10.44-48; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17