

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

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Une congrégation de L'Église d'Angleterre dans le
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St. John's is an inclusive congregation and
welcomes everyone to worship with us.

Notre Église est une congrégation inclusive, et tout
le monde est bienvenu.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING

I am the way, the truth and the life. No-
one comes to the Father except through
me.

John 14:6

Sunday 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Chaplain (Locum)
Warden
Music Director & Lay-Chair
Secretary
Congregational Worship Leader

Revd. Dr David Jacks
Bérenère Ross
Shirley Rowson
Peter Owen
Alastair Ross

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 96 Christ is made the sure foundation

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

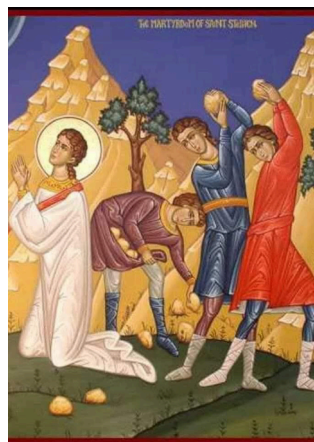
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COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

(7:55-60)



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my **spirit**.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord*

All: **Thanks be to God**

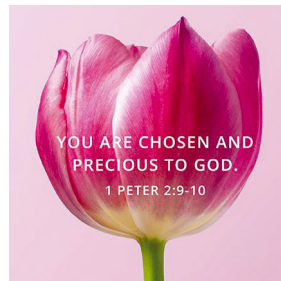
If you had any idea how much inward peace you would gain for yourself, and how much joy you would bring to others, by devoting yourself single-heartedly to God, you would certainly pay more attention to your **spiritual** progress.

Thoma A KEMPIS (c.1380 - 1471)

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

(2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, **spiritual** milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a **spiritual** house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Reader: *This is the word of the Lord*

All: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL HYMN # HS11 You are the vine

Gospel Reader: *The Lord be with you* All: **And also with you**

Gospel Reader: *Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John*

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(14:1-14)

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the



Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 432 Let us build a house

(Omit v.3)

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 772 Thy hand, O God, has guided

(Omit v.2 & 4)

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

**Service for Sunday 10th May : (Sixth Sunday of Easter)
Communion with David JACKS
Acts 17:22-31 ; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21**