

Anglican Church of
St Thomas à Becket



Sunday 16th May 2021
Sunday after Ascension Day

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies. Alleluia!
Christ the Lamb, for sinners given. Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

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- **Service Details Sunday 16th May**
Holy Communion (*Common Worship*), **10.30**
Click here to join the congregation, from 10.15 onwards. Please join in good time.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85272524481?pwd=S3o5cmhaZTZyVkJPNUlrZlVhSHphZz09>
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Today we recall how our Lord ascended into the heavens, to take his seat at the right hand of the Father, and to intercede for us. There are two accounts of the Ascension in the Bible, and we will hear them both during the service. While the

chronologies don't match one another (Luke has Jesus going up to heaven at the end of the day of his resurrection, whereas in Acts this happens forty days later – the timescale we now keep), they leave us in no doubt that before the eyes of the disciples, our Lord was taken up into heaven and out of their sight. And, we are told, he will also come again 'in the same way' as he left. Ascension Day proper was on Thursday as you will all be aware, given that the day is a public holiday here in Germany! I was pleased to join a service in the Georgskirche am Hauptbahnhof, as our local Hamburg celebration of the third Ecumenical Kirchentag (this year going under the banner 'digital and dezentral').

Eucharist for Ascension Day Sunday

The Collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature
to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.
Amen

The Ascension Reading: Acts 1:4-11

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you

will restore the kingdom to Israel?’⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.’⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

The Gospel : Luke 24:44-end

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into

heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Notices and News

STB Council met on Wednesday 12th May

For your information, the budget for 2021 was unanimously approved for tabling at the annual meeting. (Thanks to Monica and Heiner for all the work that has gone into this.) We continue to monitor Covid levels, and once again decided that we need to wait a little longer before congregating in church.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the church of STB, to take place on Sunday 30th May at 12.00 noon, on Zoom. Please make a note of the date and time, and further details will follow in due course. All those on the Electoral Roll are invited to attend. The Diocese in Europe has advised that in the context of the pandemic, AGMs may be held virtually. Accordingly, any nominations, along with the names of proposer and seconder, should be submitted by email to Peter Alexander, the Council Secretary this year (rather than on the hard copy nomination forms used previously.)

Church Bazaar: 20th November 2021

We have a date and we have a plan!

This year’s Bazaar will be a ‘Hybrid’ (Covid 19 allowing) event – part physical and part virtual. So, save the date! Eric Lord will be contacting people /groups who have been involved before by phone/email in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to get involved by helping on a stand or making things or have an idea for something new,

please get in touch with Eric. And don't forget, we really do need someone to take on the organisation of the raffle. Thank you! Eric is contactable by email on: Kessenich05@gmx.de We look forward to hearing from you. Eric Lord and Wendy Sprock.

More intercessors needed. Could you help?

Please think and pray about it this week, however long you have been part of STB, and whether you are young or old. If you do then remain interested, please get in touch with me, and we can investigate further. Leading our intercessions, and offering up 'the prayers of the people' is an essential part of our worship. So I would like to invite you personally to consider whether you might like to lead these prayers for your church community.

Meeting STB. I am slowly managing to meet more of you face to face, and very much enjoying finding out more about you, and having some proper conversations. Thank you for your invitations, and for your suggestions of who to visit. (I remain especially keen to make contact with those who are not managing to take part in our worship/fellowship on Zoom.) Dear Jochim Trede has kindly lent me his car for the time being, so when it's appropriate, I am now able to get around without going on public transport.

The week ahead

Wednesday 19th May

Morning Prayer, starting at 08.30

Lectionary Readings for MP:

Ps 29. Deut 31:30- 32:14 1 John 3:11-end

You can join Morning Prayer here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82623076177?pwd=ZTZocUcwY25KNnZTajYvQ1JlSmJJQT09>

Saturday 22nd May

Evening Prayer at 18.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286260101?pwd=WHg2dmJtTit4bWhiVlJHdCtQQnhydzo9>

Sunday 23rd May

Holy Communion for Pentecost, 10.30

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