

Anglican Church of
St Thomas à Becket



Sunday 9th May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

- **Service Details Sunday 9th May**
Holy Communion (Common Worship), 10.30
Click here to join the congregation, from 10.15 onwards. Please join in good time.
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President: Revd Jules A. Barnes
Preacher: Revd Dr Maija Priess
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Holy Communion

Here are the Collect and the readings for this Sunday's service, so that you can read and familiarise yourself with them in advance: especially the Gospel (which Maija tells me she will be preaching on today.) It's always difficult to pick things up on just one hearing/reading, so to get the most out of the appointed Scriptures, this is something I would strongly recommend!

The Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the

power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

OT Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall

not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

NT Reading: Acts 10:44-end While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel reading: John 15:9-17 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Notices and News

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More intercessors needed. Please could you help? Leading our intercessions, and offering up 'the prayers of the people' is an essential part of our worship. Each Sunday, we gather up our concerns as the people of God in this time and place, and speak them out loud. I would like to invite you personally to consider whether you might like to lead these prayers for your church community? We have a small pool of people to do this already, but we definitely need more intercessors. You would not need to lead the prayers very often, and it is a nice self-contained 'job'. If you think this might be for you, I would offer training and guidance in advance. We can also talk about any questions or concerns you may have, so you will definitely not be on your own. 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. Thank you, Jules.

The Hafengeburtstag Gottesdienst took place in 'the Michel' this Friday afternoon, 7th May. I was pleased to be invited to take part in the service, on this 832nd anniversary of the creation of the free port of Hamburg – and representing both our church and the English language. (Britain being also a great seafaring nation!)

Becket Mix will meet for an on-line Kahoot! Quiz, this coming Saturday 15th May at 18.00. This is our STB youth group for teenagers aged over 13 (or confirmed) and the quizzes are proving to be great fun. For more information, and the meeting link, please contact Madeleine Herring or Emma Richter: therichters@gmx.de or madeleineherring@tonline.de

Junior Church STB: Attention all children! We held our first Saturday morning Junior Church Zoom Session recently, and there will be another one later this month.

If you would like to take part in this next get together we would love you to join us! Please send an email to register to: juniorchurch@anglican-church-hamburg.de Miriam Hinz Kate Power, and Wendy Sprock. And if you want to check out our first Zoom JC, the video is posted on our STB Facebook page and website too: (<https://www.facebook.com/stbhamburg>) (www.anglican-church-hamburg.de).

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.) This year Susanne Hergoss completes her term of six years as Churchwarden, so she will sadly be stepping down. Please pray for all the lay members of Council and our other church officers, especially those who are leaving, or taking up office anew.

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.

The week ahead

Wednesday 12th May

Morning Prayer, starting at 08.30

Lectionary Readings for MP:

Ps.30, Deut 18:9-end, 1 Peter 2:1-10

You can join Morning Prayer here:

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

Meeting of STB Church Council, 18.30

Saturday 15th May

Becket Mix meeting at 18.00

Evening Prayer at 18.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286260101?pwd=WHg2dmJtTit4bWhiVlJHdCtQnhydz09>

Sunday 16th May

Sunday after Ascension Day

Holy Communion, 10.30

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