

Anglican Church of St Thomas à Becket

Fifth Sunday after Trinity, 4th July

Holy Communion, Pew Sheet

Collect for Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Musical items, to be sung by the choristers only:

In heavenly love abiding

At the name of Jesus, (omitting vv 2,4)

Psalm 123

Notices and News

Thank you to Maija Preiss and Dorothee Moeller for officiating at services whilst I was away on retreat. Much appreciated.

Licensing Service for new Chaplain, Sunday 11th July 10.30. Please register in advance for this service, with Madeleine Resuehr, to let her know if you can come. We are pretty much at capacity already, so if you have already registered and then find you can't come, please let Madeleine know straight away! Then we can give your place(s) to someone else. Thank you. Archdeacon Leslie will lead the worship and, with the delegated authority of the Bishop, carry out the licensing of Revd Jules A. Barnes as the 47th Chaplain of STB, Hamburg. Hope you can be there to pray for our community on this significant - and now - long-awaited occasion!

NEW: Thursday lunchtime service at 12.00 noon. You are invited to join a short church in service, each Thursday at 12.00. If your time during the week is flexible, why not plan to join this small midday Eucharist, for a bit of extra quiet time and worship.

Open Church, Thursdays 11.00 – 15.00: Started on Thursday 1st July. Why? – Well, I'm hoping:

- to extend access to the church building, for you and for casual visitors;
- to meet more of you one to one: please come in and say hello!
- to offer a second act of worship during the week, starting at noon.

I'm intending to work in church each Thursday of July and August during these hours, so the building will be open. If you are going to be in town, do pop in to Zeughausmarkt too, for a chat if you wish (you can fix a time in advance if you like), or simply to sit quietly on your own for a while in our sacred space. A short said service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer will also be on offer between 12.00 and 12.30, which you are most welcome to attend: timeless, simple liturgy at the noontide hour. I am still looking for people to be with me in church on some of these Thursdays – so if you could work there too one day in order for this to be achieved, do let me know. Good wi-fi.

Congregational Singing. Good news for our worship!

We plan to start re-introducing congregational singing from 11th July. FFP2 masks must be worn.

Themed Services for August and September, led by members of our congregation. See full page at the end of this sheet for more details.

Would you or one of your family members like to be Confirmed? If you're thinking about it, then please let me know. Being confirmed is a sign of your commitment to continuing to grow in faith and as a member of the church. You can be confirmed at any age, and I am hoping to get a group together to prepare for confirmation early next year. (although we do not yet have any firm dates from the Bishop.)

The Church Wanderers are back!

Jo Dawes is proposing a walk for this coming Saturday, 10th July, starting at 11.00 from S-Bahn station Rissen. She writes: *'The suggested route would be from Rissen, down through the Wittenbergener Heide to the Elbe and from there back towards Hamburg, finishing up at the ferry pier at Teufelsbrück. The full route is just short of 11km, but there are a couple of opportunities to cut the walk short along the way.'* Please Contact Jo to let her know if you intend to come along, or indeed, with any queries: dawes@dawescom.de

The week ahead

Morning Prayer and Evening prayer continue on Zoom.
Thursday and Sunday services in Zeughausmarkt.

Wednesday 7th July

Morning Prayer 08.30 Readings: Psalm 111 Ezek 2:3-3:11 2 Cor 2:5-nd

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405677803?pwd=bHhKS2VWQWILMFovRGR2THNPU2IyZz09>

Thursday 8th July

12.00 - 12.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

Gen 44:18-21,23-29; 45:1-5 Matt 10:7-15

A short said service, all welcome

Friday 9th July

12.00 Funeral of Henry Quashie

Followed by burial at Friedhof Ohlsdorf.

Saturday 10th July

11.00 start: Church Wanderers walk

Evensong, 18.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286260101?pwd=WHg2dmJtTit4bWhiVIJHdCtQQnhydz09>

Sunday 11th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 10.30

Holy Communion, with Licensing of Chaplain.

Registration in advance required for this service with Madeleine Resuehr, Churchwarden

President and preacher: Ven. Leslie Nathaniel

Refreshments outside at Nom, at the end of the service.

Chaplain: Revd Jules A. Barnes

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Five Themed Services for the Summer:

TELL | TEACH | TEND | TRANSFORM | TREASURE

During August and September we plan to have five special themed Sunday morning services: the usual 10.30 Eucharist, but otherwise substantially led and compiled by members of our church community.

What are they going to be about?

The mission of the church (us!) - which in turn, comes from God's own holistic and integrated mission. The Anglican Communion has expressed this mission in what are called the 'Five Marks of Mission', and they have been adopted by every single Anglican church across the globe. Each week we will take one the five marks as our theme.

Here are the themed service dates, and topics:



Sunday 1st August, led by Junior Church

TELL: Proclaim the Good News!



Sunday 15th August, led by the Young Adults group

TEND: Respond to human need by loving service



Sunday 22nd August, Racial Diversity and Healing group

TRANSFORM: society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation



Sunday 5th September, Pastorin Gundula Meinert, Nordkirche

TEACH: baptise and nurture new believers



Sunday 26th September, led by Good stewardship 'group'

TREASURE: Safeguard integrity of creation, sustain and renew the life of the earth
