

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 16: 9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**Reader: This is the word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**John 5: 1-9**

**All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

**Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ**

**All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

**INTERCESSION**

***Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:***

Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White, Chris McGrath, Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood, Susan Gaywood, Betty Hunt

***Please pray for these church members at home:*** Gwen Wells, Joyce Dyson, Joan Hopkins, Chloe Attwell, Eileen Pidgeon

***We remember before God those who have died:***

Jim Bowness, Mark West, Mary McGarrie, Gregory Thomas, Rex Whittaker, Tony Marshall, Jim Pearson, Joyce Edwards, Rose Cockerton, Anne Rolls

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Easter 6	1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am 11.15am	Parish communion Balloon Service
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May		NO Buggy Group
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15am 11.30am 7.15pm	Parish Centre Service of the Word Talking Elephants Ladies Guild AGM
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee morning –Parish Centre Ascension day service
Sunday Easter 7	8 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Keech Hospice Annual Service Youth Club (Rounders)

## NOTICES

**Church Coffee** donations during April, May and June will go to the Camphill Village Trust (Botton Village) a UK charity supporting adults with learning disabilities.

### Future dates for your diary.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Beetle drive in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Adults £5, Children £2.50 which will include a light refreshment. Money raise will support the work of the church. Ring 01582 883308 or see Judy Seymour

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** Summer Fete 2.00pm - Village Hall & Field

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June** Barn dance 7.30pm – New Farm, Streatley £12 including Fish/Chicken & Chips. admission by ticket only from 650226 or 658944

**Vicar** – Steve Wood 01525 876197 Mob 07704922984 (Day off Monday)

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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

Easter 6

Leader – Steve Wood

1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

Preaching Steve Wood

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens Dorothy Iszatt and John Farrent. After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area.



There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen

Hymns Old and New 188 – 164 – 429 – 380 – 235

### Organ Voluntary

Before service: *Toccata for the flute* – John Stanley

After service: *Eine Kleine Nachtmusic* – First movement - Mozart

## COLLECT

**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**