

**FIRST READING****Acts 11: 1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Reader: This is the word of the Lord****All: Thanks be to God****THE GOSPEL READING****John 10: 31-35****All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**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:***

Joan Jackson, Wendy Butler, Peggy James, Mary Neasham, Cynthia Ward, Pamela Tillett, Doreen Crouch, Roy McArdy. Jim Bowness, Mark West. Mary McGarrie, Gregory Thomas, Rex Whittaker, Tony Marshall, Jim Pearson, Joyce Edwards, Rose Cockerton.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Easter 5	24 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish communion Parish Centre Service Baptism of Freddie Youth Club Quick Cricket
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15am	Parish Centre Communion
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am 5.00pm	Coffee morning –Parish Centre Wedding Rehearsal
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	12.30pm	Wedding of Sarah & Mark
Sunday Easter 6	1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	Parish Communion Balloon Service in Church Youth Club

## 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

**Vicar** – Steve Wood 01525 876197 Mob 07704922984 (Day off Monday)  
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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

**Easter 5**  
**Leader – Steve Wood**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Preaching Teresa Dales**

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 – 388 -244 – 298 – 378 - 170**

## COLLECT

**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**