

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm  
Tuesday Friendship Group meet @ 10am  
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 6.30am  
Parish Council meet @ 7pm  
Thursday Rev Josie @ church @ 10am  
Saturday Plants for sale @ Irene's from 8am

**BUSY BEE** – a huge THANK YOU to everyone who turned up to work yesterday. In between the rain showers much was done. The grounds look amazing.

**THANK YOU** – for all of your prayers for my mum (Joyce) and me during this past week. They and the messages and emails have been very much appreciated.

**PLANTS FOR SALE** – this Saturday from 8am, Ernie and Irene are having an open garden to sell lots of their plants. Address: 3 Iceberg Way, Darch. Phone: 9303 2990 or 0421 171 374 if you'd like to find out what plants are available.

**Please pray for:** Paul; Frances; Isla; Ivan; Peggy; Layla-Grace; Barry; John; Lyn; Kate; Cameron; Mike; Garth; Cornelis; Deidre; Lorraine & Peter; Joyce & Josie



*Happy birthday to Wendy Rees for today;  
Fran Johnson on 20<sup>th</sup>; John Stenton on 21<sup>st</sup>*

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## Welcome to Worship



**Easter 5**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...**

### Our Mission is to

- Know God personally
- Love and respect one another deeply
- Disciple and serve those around us

**Sentence:** 'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

*John 13:34*

### Collect of the Day

We behold your glory, O God,  
in the love shown by your Son,  
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:  
be glorified anew in the love  
we have for one another  
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**Today:**  
Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-16  
John 13:31-35

**Next week:**  
Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22.5  
John 14:23-29

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.



John 13:34  
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## Easter 5 – John 13:31-35

*“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

Today’s Gospel takes place in the cenacle the night of the Last Supper. Jesus has just completed the dramatic washing of his disciples’ feet and has further shocked his disciples with the warnings of Judas’ role in the events to come. After Judas leaves, Jesus addresses his own, his dearest friends. He leaves them a “new” commandment of love – what is “new” is the model Jesus leaves them of selfless, sacrificial, forgiving love. This same “new” model of love is the indispensable sign of discipleship.

To those who profess to follow him – from the apostles to us to the very last generation who will inhabit this planet – Jesus gives a “new” commandment, a new standard for all human relationships: *as I have loved you, so must your love be for one another*. It is that concept of unconditional, sacrificial love that distinguishes us as men and women of faith, as true disciples of the Risen One.

As a Church, we come together at the “command” of Christ to accompany one another through our lives’ journeys to the reign of God, to support one another in life’s joys and sorrows, to “be Christ” to one another in love and compassion.

Jesus leaves his Church a “new” standard of love, a standard that transcends legalisms and measurements, a standard that renews and re-creates all human relationships, a standard that transforms the most Godless and secular world view into the compassion and justice of God. It is a love that grows stronger the more it is tested, a love that endures and remains steadfast the more it is pulled, a love that continues to heal and forgive the more it is engaged.

Our very identity as disciples of Christ is centred in such persistent and constant love; our faithfulness in imitating the compassion and forgiveness of the Risen One is lived in our openness of heart and spirit to love selflessly, completely, and unconditionally, as God has loved us in his Christ.

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**LOVE** one another, As i have **LOVED** you.

John 13:34