

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
	<b>Easter 6</b> 5th May	<b>Easter 7</b> 12th May
10.00am	Choral Matins (Halsted)	
11.00am Celebrant Readings Reader Prayers	All Age Eucharist Fr Alex & Meena Acts 10.44-48 John 15:1-17 Sunday School Joan Ainsworth	Parish Eucharist Fr Andrew Acts 1.15-17,21-26 John 17.6-19 Carol Pike Adrian Norris
12.30pm	Holy Baptism	
Wednesday	10.30am Midweek Eucharist	9.30am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Midweek Eucharist 11.30am Fun, Food & Fellowship
Thursday	9.30am Thursday Chat 7pm Ascension Day Benefice Eucharist at St Stephen's	9.30am Thursday Chat

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### VISITOR INFORMATION

We are here to welcome everyone and we want to help those who have dementia to feel safe and help them to worship with us.

Hearing loop: If you are wearing a hearing aid, turn the control to T.

If you wish to make a donation to St Peter's and you are a taxpayer, please remember that donations can be "gift aided" by completing one of the envelopes available by the door.

Should the fire alarm sound whenever you are in church this will be for real. You should immediately leave church by either the main door, the fire door on the north side or through the choir vestry and await further instructions by the war memorial. Church members who are responsible for the event should supervise the evacuation.



Please hold in your prayers: Joanne Walsh, Les Booth, Philomena Grace, Liz Holmes, Christine Hacking, Norman Grant, John Binns, Barbara Fildes, Malcolm Maciver, Susan Smith, Jane Pike, Jacqueline Flood, Barbara Marshall, Annabel Dance, Jane Chamberlain, Alice Binns, Julie Wilson, Joanne Creighton.

Those who have died recently: Brenda Rochester.

Those listed in the memorial book: Nellie Stansfield, Gilbert Byrom Lamberty, Herbert Trotter, Charlotte Maud Hargreaves, Ethel Warnock, Gladys Smith, Florence Altham.



**St Peter's Church**  
**Burnley**  
**Easter 6**  
**5th May 2024**



**Welcome to our worship this Sunday. If you are visiting us for the first time, we hope you experience a warm and friendly welcome. If you need help please speak to one of the sidespeople by the door or the Vicar on duty. Please stay for a cuppa after the service.**

### **THE HALSTED SERMON**

We may welcome this morning at Matins members of the Halsted (otherwise Halstead) Family who may join us to hear the annual Halsted Sermon.

*In his Will dated 4 March 1834 Henry Halsted “of Burnley in the County of Lancaster, Gentleman” charged property in his ownership to secure “payment for ever of the yearly sum of two pounds unto such a celebrated popular Reverend Minister of the Church of England as by law established who shall henceforth for ever from time to time on the first Sunday morning in the month of May in every year preach for the benefit of the congregation who shall from time to time be present attending the worship of Almighty God a sermon from the fourteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Hebrews the words “For here have we no continuing City, but we seek one to come”.*

Henry Halsted died on 11 January 1845 and since then the so-called Halsted Sermon has been preached in this Church on the first Sunday in May.

The preacher today is the “celebrated and popular” Alan Roadley ALM.

**Thursday Chat** Come and join us for our weekly friendship and discussion group on Thursday at 10.00am. Church open from 9.30am.

**Lunch Club** Please note that Lunch Club will not take place this week.

**Ascension Day Benefice Eucharist** takes place on Thursday, 7.00pm at St Stephen's.

**Readings and prayers  
for this week**

**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**

**CHORAL MATINS**

**First Reading: Hebrews 13:11-16**

**11** For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. **12** Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. **13** Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. **14 For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.** **15** Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. **16** Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Second Reading: Luke 22:24-30**

**ALL AGE EUCHARIST**

**Reading: Acts 10.44-48**

**Gospel: John 15:1-17**

**15** 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** I 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. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I 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. **16** You 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. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Prayer for Growth**

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your church

Send your Holy Spirit to give:

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Today's Hymns**

#### **CHORAL MATINS**

**368** Just as I am

**Psalm 45** vv.1-9

**536** O worship the King

#### **ALL AGE EUCHARIST**

**48** At the name of Jesus

**34** A new commandment

**381** Let there be love shared

among us

**499** O Lord my God

### **The Annual Vestry and Parish**

**Meeting ("APM")** will take place on Sunday 19 May 2024 in church at the conclusion of the morning service. In preparation for the APM, the electoral roll will be revised on 29/30 April 2024. If your name is not on the electoral roll and you would like it to be, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer Joan Ainsworth or the PCC Secretary Andrew Buchanan. You are entitled to be entered on the roll if you are baptised and are over the age of 16 and either live in the parish or have attended this church for over six months.

There will be two churchwardens and three members of the PCC to be elected at the APM and the preceding Annual Vestry Meeting. Nomination forms for church wardens and for members of the PCC are available at the back of church. The PCC Secretary will be in touch with any member of the PCC whose term of office will expire at the APM.