

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.

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.'

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

During 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.'

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S. If you are a visitor or guest, do stay for coffee afterwards. To find out what St Peter's can offer, or arrange a pastoral visit, speak to one of the stewards (with a blue badge) or to the clergy.

BANNIS

Augusta Maier and Luke Codrington, getting married on the 15th June 2019 at St Mary's Church, Stoughton, for the second time of asking.

ANNE RYLAND'S FUNERAL

Monday 20th May, 2.30 pm. In St Peter's Church, followed by refreshments in London Corinthian Sailing Club.

ITALIAN WINE TASTING, with paired taster dishes. Friday June 7th, 7.30 pm. Wine expert Miles MacInnes (managing partner at Jascots Wine Merchants) will guide us through five Italian wines, paired with five Italian taster dishes crafted by professional chef Humphrey Fletcher (formerly of *The Brackenburg*, trained at *Glasshouse & The River Café*). Followed by open bar. A fabulous way to spend an evening! £15 a head. Sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or email the office.

UPPER ROOM THANKS. A letter of thanks is on the noticeboard from The Upper Room for the Christmas Collection 2018.

CLIMBING BEHIND CHURCH

During coffee it has been noted that children are climbing on the walls behind church. There is a large drop into a concrete footwell and steps. Please make sure your children do not climb on the walls, it is dangerous!

CHURCH GATE

Please do not let your children play outside unattended. The gate is often open with free access to the road. Please shut the gate behind you as you leave if children are playing outside.

FUTURE DATES

June 8th: SingWest sing-a-long charity concert

June 13th: City Glee Club summer concert

June 15th: *Kesäkonsertti* - a summer concert

June 20th: Quidam discussion: Would you kill the fat man?

June 23rd: Heike's first eucharist

June 26th: SingWest summer concert

June 30th: St Peter's Day, parish lunch and teddy bears' picnic

July 12th: Opera Integra: *L'elisir d'amore*