



“Who has discovered Wisdom's dwelling place?” Baruch 3:15

**This morning's music**

399 Jesus shall reign  
287 Hark, my soul, it is the Lord  
556 O Jesus I have promised  
579 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
491 Love divine, all loves excelling

*Closing music goes here*

**This morning's readings and prayers**

**Baruch 3.9-15,32 – 4.4** (reader: Opal Walsh);  
Psalm 148; **Acts 11.1-18** (reader: Esther Masih);  
**John 13.31-35** (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine)  
Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

**Prayer in the silence after communion**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**Collect: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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..

**Gospel acclamation** Reader: Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. Response:

**Alleluia**

**Post-Communion: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Next Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter: Ezekiel 37.1-14** (reader: Barbara Purvis); Ps 67; **Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5** (reader: Diane Wynn); **John 14.23-29** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Albert Radcliffe.  
The Revd Christine Sandiford will preside and preach next Sunday

## Thanks ...

... to all who helped with the great team work to make yesterday's Big Brekkie so successful. We welcomed around 85 people – same as last year – who donated just over £500 – up by £100 on last year. Thanks also to The Organic Food Store, Ladybarn Coop and Food4All for donations of breakfast items. A small number of things left over; take something in exchange for a donation. Total for house-to-house collection in due course.

Christian Aid puts it like this

*It is with joy that we give thanks for Christian Aid Week*

*And for all who give their time and talent to make it happen*

*Being a witness to the risen hope of Jesus in our communities.*

Monday 20 May 7.00pm in the Vestry: Pastoral Group Meeting

Tuesday 21 May Evening Prayer followed at 8.00pm by Book Group meeting; this month's book is Ben McIntyre's *The Spy and the Traitor*, a true story of Cold War espionage.

Wednesday 22 May 9.00pm – 10.45pm in Ladybarn Park: Bat walk led by Steve Parker of the South Lancashire Bat Group. An opportunity to see and hear bats and other night life in their natural setting. Organised by the Friends of Ladybarn Park.

Thursday 23 May 10.00am Holy Communion

Monday 27 May Manchester Diocesan Whit Walks – we have been invited to participate again this year. A few people have already expressed interest and there is also interest from neighbouring parishes. If you wish to take part, please speak to Mark or Lewis as soon as you can.

Tuesday 28 May 10.00am – 12.00noon and 1.00pm – 3.00pm in Ladybarn Park: free family activity sessions

Wednesday 29 May 1.00 – 3.00pm in Ladybarn Park: Free fun session for boys and girls with City in the Community  
7.30pm at Christ Church, Harpurhey: Archdeacon's Visitation  
*Churchwardens and sidespeople should attend; PCC members and others are encouraged to.*

Thursday 30 May 7.30pm at Christ Church, West Didsbury: Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day

Saturday 8 June 7.30pm in church: *Musical Memories* a tribute to Peter Bowers, with the Laurence Singers. Admission free; donations to the Organ Fund and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation