



29 May – 4 June 2022 • Faith 24/7
 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 celebrations 

Coming soon...

Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

The last of John's visions in Revelation is of Jesus, who tells him both that he fulfils God's promises to Israel and that he is coming again soon. Everyone who looks forward to Jesus' return is joined together in community and offered the gift of the water of life.

Now read Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21 see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

Twice in this vision, Jesus makes an invitation to 'everyone'. There is a looking back to the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures, when he says he is descended from David, but also a pointing forward to a time when the old categories used to exclude people will be abolished. Jesus offers a sense of belonging, not just to a chosen few, but to anyone who responds positively to him.



Where do you belong in God's story?



Do you find it easy or difficult to talk about God to others? Jesus tasks John with delivering the message of his visions to the churches. It is not always easy to turn a visual message into a written one, and this online game demonstrates that: <https://garticphone.com/>. Invite a few friends to join you and discover how good you are at communicating the message.



Royal Seal

Jesus says that while he has royal blood (as a descendent of David), he is also a heavenly king and that we belong to him. This week, our nation and the wider commonwealth will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Seventy years of service is remarkable, and Queen Elizabeth has frequently referenced her Christian faith throughout this time. Look round your home for symbols which show that you are part of this celebration. Find a coin with the Queen's head on, and make a rubbing, while you reflect on what it means to belong to something bigger.

COMING SOON

Jesus promises John that he will come again soon. This is like a teaser trailer for the next season of your favourite series on TV, or a film that you have been looking forward to for a long time. Design a poster, in the style of one advertising a new film, telling people that Jesus will soon return. Do you feel a sense of anticipation in creating your poster?

INVITATIONS

Not everyone feels as though they belong at school, at work, or even during leisure activities. The kingdom that Jesus describes offers invitations to everyone, including the people who feel as though they don't fit in. How can you be more like Jesus? This month, think about the people who are on the fringes of groups. Can you find ways to invite them in? How could you be more inclusive in your everyday life?



LISTEN



Would you describe yourself as being thirsty for God? What does Jesus mean when he uses this phrase? In this song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coWRDjX02pU> there is a connection made between brokenness and being thirsty for God. Listen to the words and imagine how it would feel to join in with the chorus of people asking Jesus to come.

Holy Trinity & St Matthew's Church, Ronkswood

Weekly Newsletter and Reflections Easter 7 29th May 2022



Daily Readings for week commencing 30th May, 2022		
Monday	Number 21: 1-35	Luke 7: 36-end
Tuesday	1 Samuel 2: 1-10	Mark 3: 31-end
Wednesday	Numbers 23: 13-end	Luke 8: 16-25
Thursday	Numbers 24	Luke 8: 26-39
Friday	Numbers 27: 12-end	Luke 8: 40-end
Saturday	Numbers 32: 1-27	Luke 9: 1-17

Pray for those in need... Please pray for the people of Ukraine...for those in need of God's healing touch...Heather, Dorothy, Pat, Sue, Joyce, Maureen, Shane, Bryn, Katie-Lou, Margaret and Alison... **Please pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, remembering the souls of ...Pamela, Eric, and Jane.**



Community Jubilee Party on Thursday 2nd June from 2-4 pm on Newtown Green - bookable but free! We are running a Tombola for the event so any donations of non-perishable household items, sweets, trinkets etc would be gratefully received. Plus offers of help on the day. Please speak to Penny if you can help.

Next week is the feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Our guest president and preacher will be the Revd Dr Robin Parry.

Threads Through Creation Exhibition at Worcester Cathedral

27 APR - 5 JUN 2022 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Until Sunday 5 June

'Threads through Creation' by Jacqui Parkinson
Spectacular Scenes in Silk Exhibition - well worth a visit.



May draw winners:

1st No. 24 Julia Tolley
2nd No. 21 Penny Welford

Lifted up – Reflection on the Ascension of our Lord

This is the day when Jesus finally returns to his home to experience the glory that belongs to him. Don't get stuck on worrying about 'what actually happened'. This is an important story for Luke – he uses it as a pivot, both to close his Gospel and to begin the story of Acts. He wants us to be clear that the work of the bodily, tangible Jesus is complete, and the work of the Church is just beginning. It closes the resurrection appearances and sets the scene for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost and the birth of the Church.

In both of Luke's stories, Jesus commissions the disciples to be his witnesses, beginning from where they are and moving out 'to the ends of the earth'. That commission is ours, too. Today, do not feel it as a burden but receive it as an incredible privilege.

Please note there will not be a newsletter next week.