

Welcome to The Great Grimsby Team Ministry

29th April 2018 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-end • Psalm 22.25-end • 1 John 4.7-end • John 15.1-8

8am	Holy Communion	President <i>Revd Mark Hutson</i>			
10.30am	United Parish Eucharist	President & Preacher <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i> Reader <i>Lorna Sharp</i> • Intercessor <i>Pat Woolliss</i> <i>followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12:30pm</i>			
6pm	Choral Evensong	<i>Psalm 96 • Isaiah 60.1-14 • Revelation 3.1-13</i>			
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Next Sunday 6th May 2018 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end • Psalm 98 • 1 John 5.1-6 • John 15.9-17

8am	Holy Communion	President <i>Revd Mark Hutson</i>			
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	President <i>Canon Andrew Dodd</i> Preacher <i>Revd Jan Vasey</i> Reader <i>Barrie Hillman</i> • Intercessor <i>Susi Gaikward</i>			
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Forthcoming services in our churches

13 th May Seventh of Easter	20 th May Pentecost	27 th May Trinity Sunday	3 rd June Trinity 1
Minster 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Eucharist 6pm Choral Evensong	Minster 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Eucharist	Minster 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Eucharist	Minster 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Eucharist
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St Martin's 11am Service of the Word	St Martin's 11am Extended Comm'n	St Martin's 11am Service of the Word	St Martin's 11am Eucharist

Thought for the week



This week has seen the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Kate. Their family, friends and admirers are united in joy and celebration. Many of the global and domestic topics that were dominating the news headlines just a few days ago have given way – however fleetingly – to photographs, congratulatory messages and expressions of goodwill. There is every reason to

hope and believe that the new baby is already surrounded by the love and care that will sustain him throughout his upbringing and on into adult life. He is still far too young to have done anything to earn this love – if indeed love can be earned – but the very fact of his existence and his presence among us is more than enough to evoke an outpouring of love, even from people who have never met him or his family.

In this week's Gospel reading, John the Evangelist expounds Jesus' teaching about love and connectedness, using the image of the vine: God is the source of all love; God's love is revealed in Jesus himself, and we can remain united with God through our union with Jesus. In the reading from 1 John, the writer goes further, asserting that God is not only 'loving', but 'love' itself.

Whatever our opinions and feelings about the UK's hereditary monarchy – whether we are monarchists or republicans – in a properly ordered society, the birth of a baby should always be an occasion for joy and celebration. Babies do not choose their parents, and it is both groundless and pointless to resent any perceived privilege that may accompany the circumstances of their births.

It is, however, quite proper to pray and work for a more equal and just society, in which the gap between rich and poor is much narrower, and opportunities for nurture and flourishing are more readily available to all, irrespective of birth; but such inequalities should not and must not inhibit our welcoming of a new baby – any new baby – into the world.

Jesus lived and died so that everyone might be saved from the consequences of our sins: not least our covetousness, envy and greed. John's Gospel makes it clear that Jesus does not compel but invites us to remain united with him, and through him with the God who is love, just as the branches are united with and nourished by the vine. Only by opening ourselves to the love of God in Christ, and allowing that love to flow through us into the lives of others, whatever their circumstances, will we advance the Kingdom goals of justice and equality.

Church Services & Parish Meetings this week

Tuesday 1st May *Philip and James, Apostles*

9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster

9.30am Coffee Shop open until 1pm, Grimsby Minster

9.30am Morning Service, St Hugh's

2pm Funeral Service for James Campling, Grimsby Minster

Wednesday 2nd May *Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373*

9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop open until 2pm, Grimsby Minster
9.30-11am Minster Minis
2pm Healing service at St Marks

Thursday 3rd May.

9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop open until 2pm, Grimsby Minster
11am Holy Communion, Grimsby Minster (Lady Chapel)
12:30pm Organ Recital, Laurence Caldecote from All St Northampton at Grimsby Minster
5.30pm Evening Prayer, Grimsby Minster

Friday 4th May *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

9.20am Morning Prayer, Grimsby Minster
9.30am Coffee Shop open until 2pm, Grimsby Minster
7:30pm Charity Concert- 'Handle with Care'

Saturday 5th May


9.15-11:45 MAPAS choir, Grimsby Minster

Forthcoming meetings in the Parish

Minster DCC/Finance & Personnel Tuesday 12th June 2018 5:15pm
St Martin DCC Sunday 17th June 2018 12noon
St Hugh DCC Sunday 20th May 2018 10:30pm
St Mark DCC Tuesday 15th May 2018 2pm
PCC Thursday 12th July 2018 7:30pm St Martin's
Deanery Synod Thursday 21st June Venue TBC

Why not have a go at this week's Word search

P	L	E	N	W	T	E	Y	E	P	VINE	BRANCH	FRUIT	PRUNES
Y	O	G	O	E	N	U	R	P	S	WORD	HOME	PLENTY	THROWN
T	L	R	N	T	H	R	O	W	N	FIRE	BURNT	GLORY	DISCIPLES
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WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF GREAT GRIMSBY.



On 4th May at 7:30pm at the Minster, there is a Classical Charity Concert in aid of St Andrew's Hospice and Grimsby Minster featuring music by Bach, Handel, and Saint-Saëns performed by talented local musicians. Tickets are available on the door or via Grimsby Central Hall box office 01472 355025

There is a service of **CHORAL EVENSONG** this Sunday 29th April at 6pm at the Minster.



Will you #StandTogether with us this Christian Aid Week (13th - 19th May 2018) to help families like those of Vilia, Marcelin and Jocelyne live full lives, free from poverty? You can read about their stories on the Christian Aid Week website www.christianaid.org.uk. We are looking for volunteers for the house-to-house collection to

raise money to help in this important work. A sign-up sheet and materials for the collection will be available in church next Sunday, 6 May. Please speak to Chris Daniels if you can help (01472 277277)

Also on Saturday 19th May from 9am until 11:30am there is a **CHRISTIAN AID BREAKFAST** at St Hugh's community Centre. The cost is £5 with proceeds going to support Christian Aid. There's as much toast as you can eat.

The next **PILGRIM GROUP**, is meeting on Tuesday 8th May at the Rectory starting at 7pm. We are going to be looking at the material for Thy Kingdom Come – see notice below. You are very welcome to come and please let Fr Andrew know if you will be there.



During the 11 days of **THY KINGDOM COME**, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring other to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come 2018 (10th-20th May 2018) is set to provide the cover story for the May/June issue of Crosslinks. We have a dedicated Thy Kingdom Come page on the diocesan website.

This Thursday 3rd May at 12:30pm there is a free **ORGAN RECITAL** at Grimsby Minster by Laurence Caldecote from All Saints church, Northampton. Come along with your friends to hear some glorious music