

## Notices

**Eco-tips for May: Say no to the mow.** Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals. Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space - sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/>

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: <https://arocha.org.uk/wild-christian/>

### St. Peter's Prayer Breakfast Dates:

We enjoyed prayer breakfast at St. Peter's this week. The next dates for our prayer breakfast are as follows:

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June, 8.00am

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July, 8.00am

**A note about volunteering:** all volunteers are required to complete the basic stage of safeguarding training. This is a requirement of the Church of England. We do all we can to keep each other safe. If you want to book some training, please speak to Erica [erica@interbrands.ltd](mailto:erica@interbrands.ltd) 01789 842415

### Donations to the church

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## Alveston Parish Newsletter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension

### Hymns

26	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
480	The head that one was crowned
103	Crown him with many crowns
32	And now, O Father (omit v 3)
309	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

### This week's services & church events

<b>Sunday</b> 9.15am 10.30am	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b> Holy Communion at St. Peter's Holy Communion at St. James' We welcome Neil Johnson as our preacher today.
<b>Monday</b> 10.30-12.00 2 - 3.30pm	<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b> Soft Play at St. Peter's Tea & Chat at St. Peter's
<b>Wednesday</b> 2-4.00pm	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b> Woolly Wednesday at the YHA
<b>Thursday</b> 10.30am 3.30pm	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b> Midweek Communion at St. James'. Just 30 Minutes at St. Peter's

**The Sick:** We pray for all who are sick, especially Rita Hobday, Sue Chan, Doug Evans, Elizabeth Miles, Nikki Favell, Joan Umpleby, Sandra Oram, Dilys Jones, Anna Williams, James Gardner, Margaret Galloway, King Charles, and Kate, Princess of Wales.

To add someone to the prayer list contact Erica Johnston. [erica@interbrands.ltd](mailto:erica@interbrands.ltd) 01789 842415

**R.I.P** We pray for Christina McDonald and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Years Mind:** Dennis Garrison, Angela Thornton, Sara Dyer, John Innis and all who we remember at this time of year.

## Prayer for the Day - The Collect.

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

## First Reading Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the  
believers (a group numbering about a hundred  
and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, “Brothers and  
sisters,<sup>[d]</sup> the Scripture had to be fulfilled in  
which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through  
David concerning Judas, who served as guide for  
those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our  
number and shared in our ministry.”

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the  
men who have been with us the whole time the  
Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning  
from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was  
taken up from us. For one of these must become  
a witness with us of his resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called  
Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and  
Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, “Lord, you know  
everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two  
you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic  
ministry, which Judas left to go where he  
belongs.” <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell  
to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven  
apostles.

## Gospel John 17: 6-19

“I have revealed you<sup>[a]</sup> to those whom you gave  
me out of the world. They were yours; you gave  
them to me and they have obeyed your  
word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have  
given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the  
words you gave me and they accepted them.  
They knew with certainty that I came from  
you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I  
pray for them. I am not praying for the world,  
but for those you have given me, for they are

yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is  
mine. And glory has come to me through  
them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but  
they are still in the world, and I am coming to  
you. Holy Father, protect them by the power  
of<sup>[b]</sup> your name, the name you gave me, so that  
they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was  
with them, I protected them and kept them safe  
by<sup>[c]</sup> that name you gave me. None has been  
lost except the one doomed to destruction so  
that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these  
things while I am still in the world, so that they  
may have the full measure of my joy within  
them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the  
world has hated them, for they are not of the  
world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My  
prayer is not that you take them out of the  
world but that you protect them from the evil  
one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am  
not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by<sup>[d]</sup> the truth; your  
word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I  
have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I  
sanctify myself, that they too may be truly  
sanctified.

## Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the  
world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we  
proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**