

**CHRISTIAN AID'S BIG BREKKIE:** Sun 6th May 8.30 - 10.30

Please join us for bacon or egg baps, toast, tea & coffee in the church hall. Proceeds to Christian Aid

**THE MOTHERS' UNION** are hosting a Cream Tea on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May in the church hall from 14.30 - 16.00. There will be stalls and a raffle. We would love you to join us. If you can support us please put your name on the list in church, which will help us with the catering. Hope to see you.

**LADIES BREAKFAST:** Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May 8.30 - 10.30am, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn Lane. Guest speaker Eileen Jones. All ladies welcome.

**VACANCY:** The PCC wishes to appoint an Administrator and Building manager (8 hrs/wk). Please see the Vicar for details.

#### **DIARY DATES:**

**Summer Festival:** Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 12md-4pm.

**Advent Fayre:** Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 12md-3.30pm

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#### **Mission of the Month: Barnabas Fund**



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# Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

**Welcome** to our services today

**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Easter 5**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service

#### **This Week's Activities**

Monday	1030	Homegroup (Dave Fowler)
Tuesday	1415	Mothers' Union
Wednesday	1400	Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
	1930	Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
Thursday	1400	Prayer Meeting
Friday	1415	Friday Friends (in Church Hall)
Saturday	0900	Church Cleaning

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Easter 6**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

0830 Big Brekkie for Christian Aid (in Church Hall)

1040 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)

1830 New Wine Celebration at CoGS  
Speaker: Richard Hutchins

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Acts 8: 26-40

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.<sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

<sup>37/38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: John 15:1-8

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

<sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**