

Pew Sheet: Sun 17th May, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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10am Praise Service

Sermon: "Going Up" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Sheryl Hill

Prayer: David Smithson

This Sunday is Ascension Sunday. Why is the Ascension so important? Here are several reasons:

It signalled the end of His earthly ministry. God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father. The period of human limitation was at an end.

It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished.

It marked the return of His heavenly glory. Jesus' glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9). It symbolized His exaltation by the Father (Ephesians 1:20-23). The One with whom the Father is well pleased (Matthew 17:5) was received up in honour and given a name above all names (Philippians 2:9).

It allowed Him to prepare a place for us (John 14:2). It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) and Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15).

It set the pattern for His return. When Jesus comes to set up the Kingdom, He will return just as He left-literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds (Acts 1:11, Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7).

God bless, David

Little Blue Boxes for Anglican Missions:

Are now available as stickers to put on your own little (or big!) receptacle! They are on the welcome table near the church entrance. When full with loose coin, please give to Roger Jennings

Confirmations: If you are baptized, in Year 9 to adult, and are wanting to grow in your journey with Jesus, please see the vicar if you wish to be Confirmed on Sun 28 Jun 9:45am at the cathedral.

Readings for 17th May:

OT: Psalm 1

NT: Acts 1:1-11

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Cool activities in the Kids Space! ☺

Youth: Friday's 7pm @ Oaks church – combined churches



+ Prayer Points +

- For Rosalie and Roger and family as they mourn the loss of Rosalie's brother.
- For our Mission Family; the Frasers working for Betel in the UK
- Keep the people of Nepal in your prayers after their 2nd earthquake, & for Gabriel & Biz there
- For wisdom for Europe's leaders as how to meet the refugee influx from Libya

