

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

15th May 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Christian Aid Week

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



15th to 21st May 2022

It's Christian Aid week! Please give our various events your support and please consider giving online (below).

Open Gardens in Lady Hall

This event raised £699.38 – thank you to everyone who helped to achieve this amazing result. What a great start to Christian Aid 2022.

Coffee Morning – Victory Hall Saturday 14th May, 10am

News of money raised to come.



Special service – St John's, Ulpha Sunday 15th May, 9.30am

Our monthly service will be themed around Christian Aid Week and Christian work for Justice.

Plant Sale – Broughton Methodist Church

Friday 20th May, 10am – 4pm

There will be a Fairtrade stall and refreshments too.



Making a donation online

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/broughtonandthevalleys>



This Week

Wednesday

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and cake.

7.30pm – Youth drop-in, Broughton Methodist Church

Thursday

9.00am – Coffee, Broughton Methodist Church – All welcome.

10.00am – Bible Study, Broughton Methodist Church

3.30pm – Quest Club

7.30pm – Youth Group, Broughton Methodist Church

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's, Broughton.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

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.

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a

message by which you and your entire household will be saved.”¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 148

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!
- ² Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his host!
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
 he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps,
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
 stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds!
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the earth!
- ¹² Young men and women alike,
 old and young together!
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his glory is above earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his faithful,
 for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.² And I saw the holy city, the new

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

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John 13:31-35

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.”³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Looking ahead

There will be a concert in St Mary’s Church, Broughton, on the evening of 28th May, to mark the Jubilee. The Phoenix Singers and other guests will be joining us. Please keep it free in your diary.