



St Paul's Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

May 28, 2017

Ascension: Thy Kingdom Come (25 May - 4 June)

9:00 Am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services P230

10:30 am Holy Communion

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement through which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people from around the world to pray together that more people will come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ. Leaders from Churches of every major denomination, including Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Baptist, Methodist churches, Free churches and Orthodox churches from around the world have all signalled their support.

The wave of prayer is set to run for the 10 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension and Pentecost (May 25 – June 4th), and today, as we celebrate Jesus' Ascension together we join our prayers with the prayers of millions of Christians, and pledge that we will continue to pray for more people to come to know and love Jesus; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit, and that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Readings

ACTS 1:1-11 - *The book of Acts picks up where the Gospel of Luke ends. Both are written by Luke and to someone he calls "Theophilus," a name which literally means 'one who loves God.'* In this opening passage of Acts we learn more about the days following Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

PSALM 47 - *This psalm is a hymn celebrating God's enthronement as king of all nations and calls all people everywhere to praise the God of Israel as king.*

EPHESIANS 1:15-23 - *Paul has written of the Father's wisdom and insight in making his will known to us in Jesus and of his plan, "from the foundation of the earth", to make all his people perfectly one in him.*

LUKE 24: 44-53 - *The risen Jesus has already appeared to his disciples. He has shown them his hands and his feet and told them to touch him and see that, far from being a ghost, he is alive – flesh and blood and bone.*

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Mission of the Month: Coverdale Center for Women

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Sussex: Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick, Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon Ed Coleman

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Parishioners: Helen Tayes, Kathy Gallagher, Gale Arsenault, Jackie Bettle, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Sylvia Campbell, John Ibbotson

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