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Prayer list: The names of those who are ill or in need of prayer will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. However, we realise that some people may need to be on for longer and, if this is the case, please speak with Carol Sharman who will be happy to arrange this.

Hymn

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*

He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light

We know His death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burton Latimer
Making the love of God known in our community

Welcome to our worship today
Sunday, 2nd May 2021
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Our Prayer List

Each week we pray for a different street: this week is Isemill Road

We remember those who are ill or need our prayers at this time, especially:

Sebastian, Anne-Marie Miller, Mavis Smith, June and Heather, Colin Painter, Alison, Faith, Sharon Deeming, Barbara Hunter

We pray for the souls of those who have died:

We remember those whose anniversaries of death are at this time:
Barry Kirton, Adrian Sharman, Mavis Gilbert

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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.

All **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)
²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'
³¹He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.
⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

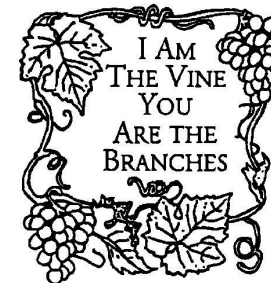
All **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'



All 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.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the year ended 31 December 2020 will take place on Thursday, 27th May, at 7.30 pm. If you usually submit a report, we understand that, as your team has not been able to meet due to COVID 19, this may not be possible this year. However, anyone wishing to present a written report should ensure that it is received by Jolene Court (jolene.court@barclaycard.co.uk) no later than Saturday, 15th May, in order to allow time for the paperwork to be printed and collated, ready for the meeting. In addition to this, nomination forms for churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod membership will be available at the back of the church two weeks before the meeting. If you wish to stand for any of these roles, please complete a form and either leave it in church or return it to Jolene at the earliest.

Christian Aid week runs from 10-16th May 2021. In previous years we have been able to undertake collections in church and our community has always been extremely generous. This year Christian Aid has introduced an excellent online method of donating, via the Burton Latimer Churches Christian Aid e-envelope that has been set up. This makes donating extremely straightforward and anonymous. Click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser). This will display the e-envelope and enable you to add and submit your donation.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/burton-latimer-churches?channel=copy>