

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth
Readings for Sunday 17th May – EASTER 7
Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PSALM: 68

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦

let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦

as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦

let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦

God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦

but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦

when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;

♦

you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. AMEN

FIRST READING:

Acts 1: 6 - 14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SECOND READING:

John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,

'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

POST COMMUNION:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 24th May – Pentecost

St Mary's	9.30apm	Holy Communion
St Peter's	11.00 am	Holy Communion

AFTER THE SERVICE:

Please join us for refreshments. At St Mary's these are served in the Mews which is at the bottom of the steps leading to the village green. Toilets are available in the Mews.

At St Peter's refreshments are served in Church and there is a toilet at the back of church.

SAFEGUARDING:

St Mary's & St Peter's take our duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at:

<https://www.chesterdiocese.org> and click on the "Safeguarding" tab