

St John's News from the Pews – 12 May 2021

Dear friends,

*'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky?
This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven,
will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'*

Acts 1:11

Tomorrow is Ascension Day, when we remember our risen Lord returning to his Father to reign forever. We have a special, short online service at 8:00pm on Facebook and YouTube to celebrate this important occasion – hope you will be able to join us.

It was encouraging to see more people feeling confident about joining the main morning service in person on Sunday. Remember we remain socially distant throughout and there is plenty of hand sanitizer available. It is great to be back together again. At the moment we need to continue wearing masks inside and cannot sing inside either, but it is lovely to sing the final hymn outdoors together. It would be lovely to see you, but if you cannot make it in person, the service will continue to be streamed online for the moment. This Sunday, we shall be continuing in our series on Romans.

This Sunday there will also be a short spoken service of Holy Communion at 9:00am and Sunday School continues to be held over Zoom at 9:30am.



Last Sunday's Service

In case you missed the service on Sunday, you can access it by clicking [here](#):



Pentecost – Christians Together In Elmswell Service at 5:00pm

Pentecost is on Sunday 23 May. As well as the 10:30am morning service, there will be a Christians Together In Elmswell service in St John's at 5:00pm.

Churchyard tidy

On Saturday 29 May at 10:00am we are looking for helpers to tidy the church yard. Please come along with a strimmer or mower or weed killer to help us get the churchyard back under control. At the moment it looks like many of us did before the hairdressers had re-opened. Many hands make light work and any help would be gratefully appreciated.

Remember the foodbank and keep recycling those crisp bags

A reminder that you can either drop off foodbank donations at the Church on Sunday mornings or at the Rectory.



Do you have any crisp packets you would like recycled? If so, please pop them into the box in the church porch.

These will be collected regularly and taken for recycling. Please only put empty crisp packets in the box - no crisp tubes (e.g. Pringles), no popcorn bags and no other plastics.

Coming up this week:

Thu 13 May 8:00pm Ascension Day Service online (Facebook and YouTube)

Sat 15 May 9:00am Church prayer meeting (using Zoom)

Sat 15 May 10:30am Coffee and Chat (over Zoom) – **Please note this will be the final one**

Sun 16 May 9:00am Lord's Supper in church (spoken service)

Sun 16 May 9:30am Zoom Sunday School (Please contact [Lisa](#) for details)

Sun 16 May 10:30am Worship in church and live online on Facebook (available on YouTube early afternoon)

How to connect with us online:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnselmswell/live>

St John's

<http://www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk/>

YouTube

Accessed from home page of St John's web site

Zoom

Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6852951296> or, load Zoom and use Meeting ID: 685 295 1296 and Password: 816262

*Almighty God, stretch our imaginations
to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension.
Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven
can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future.
Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

With every blessing in Him,
Peter