

# PARISH OF HYKEHAM

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
6th May 2018  
Rogation Sunday

All Saints' ▪ St. Hugh's ▪ St. Michael's

**Collect** God our redeemer you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence is us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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. **Amen**

## Readings

### First Reading Isaiah 55: 1-11

This reading opens with an invitation to a spiritual banquet. The only condition for participation is a thirst for God. God's promise is one of everlasting love. God, though transcendent, is close enough to be burdened by human sin. But forgiveness is also promised. There is a great gulf between God's ways and human ways, but God's purpose for humanity will prevail.

### Second Reading Acts 10: 44-48

This reading is the climax of the action with Cornelius and Simon Peter, which is described throughout chapter 10, and is a pivotal point in the story of the Christian Church. For the first time, Gentiles (Cornelius and his household) who had not previously been converted to Judaism, received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Gospel John 15: 9-17

This is a continuation of the 'true vine' discourse which Jesus gave to his disciples. Love—the essence of the life of God's people—is not something which just flows between the divine and the human. Indeed, the error of the old Israel had been to assume that the love of God was for them along. This love must overflow into relationships between human beings. The limits of love are potentially endless. As Jesus was about to lay down his life for his friends, so Christian love is to be of this kind. The disciples were now friends of Jesus, They shared in a new intimacy because of all that Jesus had shared with them. The disciples were chosen by Jesus and commissioned in order to bear fruit for God.

## 7th Sunday of Easter 13th May

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Peter makes the announcement that they need a replacement for Judas and Matthias is chosen by the drawing of lots.

1 John 5: 9-13

John's message is that through Jesus comes the gift of eternal life, a gift given freely by God.

John 17: 6-9

As Jesus prepares to leave the earthly world he prays for his disciples as they continue his work without him.

<i>This week</i>		
Mon 7th	10.30 a.m.	Mini Market in and around St. Michael's
Tues 8th	12.30 p.m.	Soup in the Ark
Wed 9th	9.30 a.m.	Communion in All Saints Church
Thurs 10th	2.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Open Doors at St. Hugh's Church all welcome Ascension Day Service in All Saints.
Fri 11th	6.00 p.m.	Vestry in All Saints'
Sat 12th	9.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Christian Aid Big Breakfast at St. Hugh's Wedding in All Saints Church

## May 2018 Baptisms

6th	11.45	Alice Mae Belle Collins
	1.30	Ollie Trevor Chamberlain
13th	1.30	Charlotte Elizabeth Billington
20th	11.45	Elle Jessica Bland
27th	11.45	Nancy Anne Phipps
	1.30	Lucy Elizabeth Morrell

## Weddings

12th	12.30	Charles Cameron Bell & Rachel Anne Coombs
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## Renewal of Wedding Vows

27th	3.00	Gordon and Pauline Williams
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## Events

7th	10.00	Mini Market at St. Michael's
8th	7.30	Women's Fellowship—Special Editions Chocolate with Alan Dixon
10th	7.30	Ascension Day Service in All Saints.
12th	9.00	Christian Aid Big Breakfast in St. Hugh's Church Hall.
17th	2.00	St. Hugh's DCC Meeting
19th	7.00	Christian Aid Lincoln Ukulele Band Concert in Swallowbeck Methodist Church Newark Road Lincoln Tickets £5.00 and available from the Parish Office.
22nd	7.30	All Saints' DCC in the rectory
29th		Arch Deacon's Visitation

**PCC Treasurer retires at the end of May 2018 if you are interested in this post please contact the parish office Tel 01522 883100 a.m. only**

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