



St Peter's  
CHURCH SOUTHPORT



*Sunday 21 & 28 May 2023 ~ Easter VII & Pentecost*

*Artwork: Titian, 1545*

## A month of *firsts*

So far, May has been a month of *firsts*.

In the last edition of the Key Notes, I did signal my intention to celebrate a 'High Mass.' This did indeed take place on the Feast of the Ascension. 18 parishioners attended this service, and we were treated to a light supper afterwards. With the help of Shaun Jeneke (a very able Thurifer indeed!) this service went very well. Favourable comments were made afterwards, encouraging me to continue this practice in the future.

Two asides here: firstly, we did indeed 'trial' our High Mass last year when Tim Newton was with us. The Ascensiontide celebration last week was a *first* in the sense that a new pattern to our worship has formally commenced. Also, Shaun clearly relishes his Thurifer duties and has stated that he is very keen to train up folk who might be interested in learning this role.

Another first, that is unlikely to happen again for many years, was our **Coronation High Tea** hosted by the Phoenix Ladies. After midday Eucharist the ladies got together, and a great deal of fun was had. When you see the pictures below you will see much evidence of much fun. A great day!

Last Monday we launched our **Coffee on Monday** event at 1000. It was very well received with 10 or so folk joining us for coffee, tea and a chat. This new initiative seems to have a warm spot in peoples' hearts so it will be continued every Monday (unless it is a public holiday.) If you'd like to come along but need a lift, please let Christine know and we will do our best to make sure you can share in this very friendly occasion.

**Reminder: this Sunday (21 May) The St Hilda's girls are joining us at 9:30 Holy Eucharist.** This is always a special event

One more *first* for the Key Notes. I am placing a copy of my monthly report to Parish Council on the following pages. Please do talk to any member of the Council if you have any questions or queries.

*Fr Don*



*Feast of the Ascension*



*Coffee on Mondays*



*Our choir at Sung Evensong*

# *The Rector's May Report to Parish Council - abridged*

## **Introduction:**

Since our last meeting we have enjoyed the truly historic spectacle of the Coronation of King Charles III. It is a very rare event that we were able to view with remarkable detail. It was an example of Anglican (CofE) Liturgy at its best and all who viewed proceedings with more than a half-critical eye would agree that there were moments of breathtaking beauty and even solemnity.

As mentioned in my last report, ANZAC Day always marks a turning point in the year for me and this year it held one or two surprises. There was some sort of disagreement between our local councilor and the local sub-branch of the RSL over marching before the dawn service. With no disrespect meant to the local government, marching was not going to be halted by such wrangling.

## **A snapshot of events since we last met, in no particular order:**

- *SPAHS AGM* I am the Archbishop's delegate on the Service Personnel Anglican Help Society [SPAHS]. I was chair of this committee until two years ago. It is now 104 years old as an organization, recently completely restructuring as a "Company Limited by Guarantee." Its recent AGM confirmed the new structure and re-elected the current board. Rightly so in my opinion. It is a very well run and highly successful entity and I am proud to be part of it.

- *Diocesan Hub meeting.* Christine and I met with Kelly Houston and Tim Booth from the Diocese to further discussions regarding stream-lining the very cumbersome and demanding administrative load that the Diocese places on parishes. Some useful initiatives were agreed upon. E.g., the regular meeting of parish administrators combined with ongoing training to be initiated by Kelly Houston.

- *Cornerstone Chorus at St Peter's.* After meeting at St Peter's for a day of rehearsal and training I approached Luke to see if 'his' choir would be willing to play a part in our patronal festival celebrations. I'm pleased to say that he said, 'yes' and so we can look forward to a concert (yet to be fully designed) on Sunday 25 June.

- *Metalware in the Church.* Consideration is currently being given to renewing the metalware in the sanctuary. A number of points here:

- I have ordered 6 x candlesticks that approximate what we might be aiming for. When they arrive we will be able to help with refining our movements going forward. These are inexpensive and are an expression of our 'fail cheaply' principle.
- I have also spoken to a number of parishioners, in very broad terms, about their interest in this project. They were each very interested and encouraging.
- I am beginning to favour gold-plated metalware (not much more expensive than silver plate but requiring much less polishing as it doesn't tarnish as much in the salty air of the Gold Coast.) At this point we need to keep progressing with aesthetics.
- We do have a craftsman who will be able to craft the 'pelmet' on the east wall (the apse.) At this stage I want to ask him to erect the pelmet so that we can begin to view this plan more accurately. It should be noted that moving the Apse Cross from a plinth to a pelmet would give me a greater sense of security. I frequently knock the plinth with my foot when genuflecting at the altar. In the short term this pelmet should be seen as a 'replacement' of a current structure and not something new. We would, of course, still need to obtain a faculty in due course.
- At this point, if we go with a complete 'gold' refurbishment the silverware will be housed on display in the Narthex. (On the west wall, next to the bell tower entry.)

- *All Saints Camerata* have booked in for another concert at St Peter's on Thu 14 September. Still reeling from the beauty of 'Stabat Mater' I can only imagine that we are in for another real treat.

- *Tim Newton.* I have recently heard from Timothy Newton via email, and it appears that his studies at St Stephen's, Oxford are going well. We continue to hold Tim, Steph and Wini in our prayers.

- Thanks to Allen for his great garden work at the Rectory. We have been able to successfully tame some of the wild undergrowth.

Now to an update on the three 'themes' that I will be working on this year at St Peter's.

Firstly, *bidding everyone 'come back!'* In keeping with the hypothesis that where children are there also are the parents, I am working on developing and easy-to-implement 'youth catechism' for our proposed Sunday School. I have invested some resources in this and hope to commence soon. Watch this space.

Secondly, Christine and I continue to work on plans for her retirement. This will take some time but we will consult with the Wardens and Parish.

Finally, enhancing and developing our Anglo-Catholic worship traditions. I have covered this thoroughly above. I have been using incense informally of late but will formally use incense at our Ascension Thursday evening mass. I may need the help of a Thurifer!

***Other Matters:***

*Security at the Rectory:* there have been no further incursions into the Rectory grounds that we are aware of. We have reported the earlier incursions to the police.

*Policy on maintaining the rectory.* [abridged] There are some maintenance matters that will require attention soon.

The parish continues to be busy and joyful. May all of our thoughts, words and deeds be consecrated to the Glory of God.

*Fr Don Parker*  
Thursday 11 May 2023



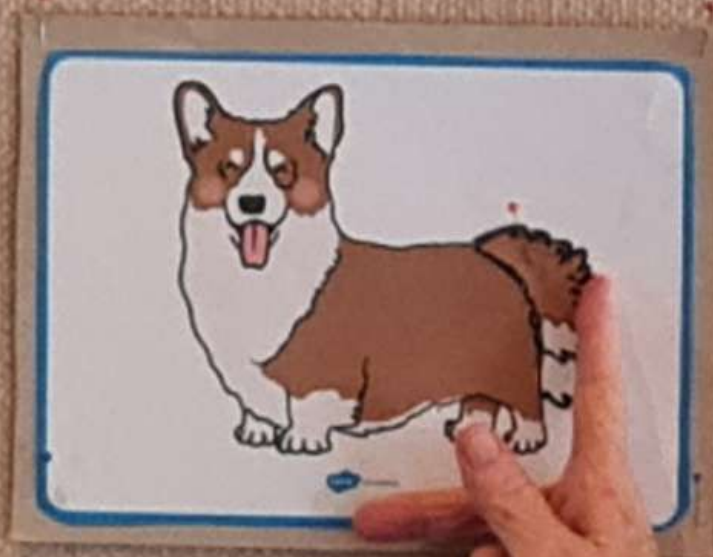
# Coronation High Tea



*The Loyal Toast*



*A Great Day had by All!*



*Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Corgi winner*

# Fashion and Fun!







# *What's On?*

*Coffee (or Tea or Chai) on Mondays ('COM')  
10:00 am every Monday in the Parish Centre*



*It's free and it's relaxed*



*Our very first  
"Coffee on Monday"  
great fun - come along!*



## *Russell - our man in Florida*

Russell has been travelling to the US on university business and worshipped at St David's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Cocoa Beach, Florida on 14 May. The service he attended was almost identical to our 7am service (1928 Book of Common Prayer) except they don't pray for Charles our King (but do pray for Joe our President and Ron our Governor)! The parish is led by their Rector, Fr Porter Taylor, and Deacon, The Rev'd Carla Rhodes - you can see them both below with Russell.

Russell caught an Uber from the Orlando Airport into Cocoa Beach early that morning and noted the similarities between this part of the US and the Gold Coast. As Angel, the driver who used to drive trucks in New Jersey, waxed lyrical about how fantastic the lifestyle was, Russell asked him if he had ever heard of the Gold Coast in Australia. Maybe the Australian accent caught him but Angel asked "Is that the beach near Miami?" Realising the Miami in question was likely the one in Florida, Russell responded "No, it's a little way past Miami" - clearly our Gold Coast City Council have a bit more marketing to do in Florida!

Russell will be back in the sanctuary with us on 28 May so wishing him safe travels for the remainder of his trip.

*Leala ~ 30 April 2023*



## *Holy Baptism*



### *A Prayer for the Baptised (APBA)*

*Merciful God,  
in your infinite love you have made a new  
covenant  
with us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
promising to be our God and the God of our  
children.  
Enable all who are baptised in your name  
to live as a covenant people.  
Fulfil your promises for this child, we pray,  
and grant that they may grow in your faith  
and service until their life's end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Macy ~ 14 May 2023*



*St Peter's Choir, Sung Evensong and Holy Eucharist - Sunday 14 May*

*The Flowers in the Church are to  
the Glory God  
and in loving memory of*

*Ian Alexander McDonald Short  
&  
Susan Dulcie Grieve  
~Sunday 21st May~*

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*William Aubrey Cumming  
~Sunday 28th May~*

*Given by their families*



# Collect & Readings

*Sunday 21st May 2023 ~ Easter VII (Sunday after Ascension)*

## **Acts 1: 6-14**

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ 7 He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 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.’ 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 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.’ 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13 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. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **1 Peter 5**

1 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you 2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. 3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. 5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. 12 Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. 13 Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.



**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

**R Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.**

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the 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 also be merry and joyful. **R**

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places. **R**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. **R**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. **R**

35 Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies,

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blesséd be God! **R**

**John 17: 1 - 11**

1 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, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 '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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 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. 9 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. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 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.



# Collect & Readings

*Sunday 28 May ~ Pentecost*

## **Acts 2: 1-21**

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."





# Sunday 28 May ~ Pentecost

## Psalm 104.25-35,37

**R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great. **R**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **R**

29 You give it to them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good  
things.

30 You hide your face and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit and they are  
created; and so you renew the face of the earth. **R**

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul, Hallelujah! **R**

## 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.



# *Sunday 28 May ~ Pentecost*

## **John 20.19–23**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## *Pentecost Collect*

*Almighty God,  
at the feast of Pentecost  
you sent your Holy Spirit to the  
disciples,  
filling them with joy and boldness  
to preach the gospel:  
empower us with that same Spirit  
to witness to your redeeming love  
and draw all people to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*





*Join us for a*

*~Pentecost Sunday BBQ~*

*8:15 am - 9:30 am*

**(next Sunday - 28 May - between our 7:00 and 9:30 Eucharist services)**

# *The Parish Diary*

## **Sunday 21 May ~ Sunday After Ascension, Easter VII**

*(St Hilda's School Visit at 9:30)*

**7:00 am** Holy Eucharist (BCP)

**9:30 am** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

**5:45 pm** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

### **Monday 22 May**

**10:00 am** "Coffee on Monday" - in the Parish Centre.

*(It's relaxed fun, do join us!)*

### **Tuesday 23 May**

**6:00 pm** Choir Practice

*(new members welcome)*

### **Wednesday 24 May**

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

**11:00 am** Bible Study *(via Zoom & Face-to-face)*

### **Thursday 25 May**

**10:00 am** Funeral for the late Ellen Morton

**Midday** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

### **Sunday 28 May ~ Pentecost**

**7:00 am** Holy Eucharist (BCP)

**Pentecost BBQ 8:15 - 9:30** *(Stay on or come early for the great event.)*

**9:30 am** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

**5:45 pm** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

### **Monday 29 May**

**10:00 am** "Coffee on Monday" - in the Parish Centre.

*(It's relaxed fun, do join us!)*

### **Tuesday 30 May**

**6:00 pm** Choir Practice

*(new members welcome)*

### **Wednesday 31 May**

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (APBA)

**11:00 am** Bible Study *(via Zoom & Face-to-face)*

### **Thursday 1 June**

**Midday** Holy Eucharist (APBA)



# For All the Saints

## *The Venerable Bede Of Jarrow*

*Observed: May 25  
Teacher of the Faith*

The Venerable Bede is remembered principally for his Ecclesiastical History of the English People. His talents reached far beyond that however, though it remains his outstanding work and most significant contribution to the story of the church.

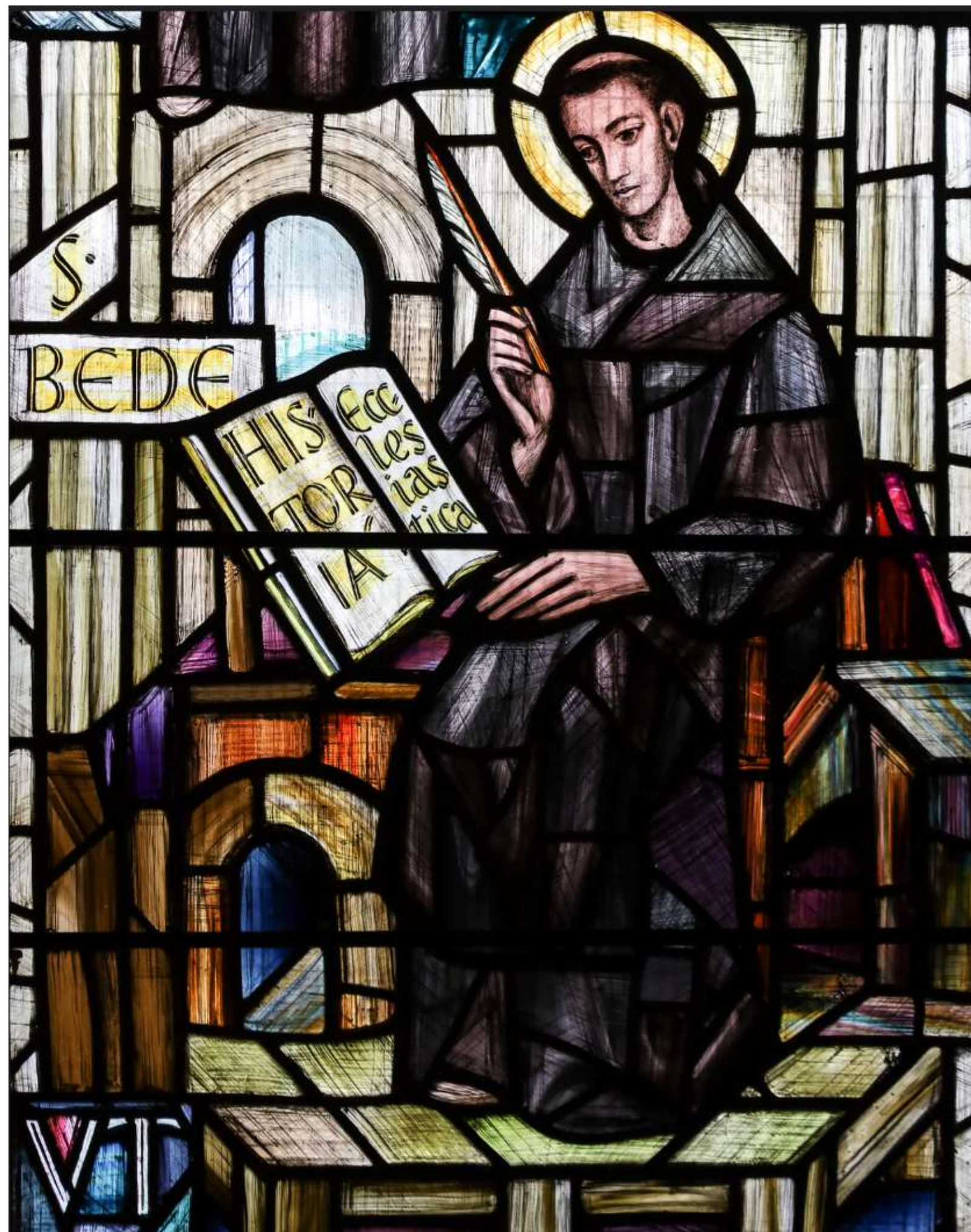
Bede was born about 673 near Sunderland. At the age of seven he was placed in the monastery at Wearmouth under the care of Benedict Biscop. Biscop had become the founder and abbot of Wearmouth in 674, and developed there a great centre of art and learning, based on the enormous collection of books he gathered from his visits to Rome and elsewhere. In 682 he founded the monastery of Jarrow and placed Bede there under the abbot, Ceolfrith. Bede spent the remainder of his life at Jarrow, never travelling further from it than, perhaps, Lindisfarne or York. Probably because of exceptional progress in his studies, he was ordained deacon at the age of 19. He was ordained priest about 703 at the age of 30.

Bede used the library gathered by Benedict Biscop and Ceolfrith to the full, and became the greatest scholar of the western church of his time. He wrote extensively on chronology and on the lives of the saints and on the abbots of Wearmouth and Jarrow, and provided extensive commentaries on Scripture, based on earlier patristic writings. His works on chronology are of significance because they helped to establish the custom of dating events from the birth of Jesus. The crown of his work was his Ecclesiastical History. It is an outstanding work because of Bede's careful attention to sources and his judicious and charitable treatment of contentious points. It is, within the limits of the information available to him, reliable and accurate. For the sixth and seventh centuries it remains the major source of English history.

The character of Bede is evident in his works: he was an ardent and careful scholar. He did his work, he says, "amid the observance of monastic discipline and the daily singing in church". He remained a devout scholar to the end, dictating his vernacular translation of John's Gospel on his death-bed. He died in 735. The title "Venerable" (meaning "revered") was ascribed to him more than a century later and indicates the respect with which he was regarded.

~COLLECT~

*Everliving God,  
you called your servant Bede  
to devote his life  
to learning, teaching and writing;  
grant that the story of your past mercies  
may confirm our faith and hope in you  
and encourage us on our journey;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



# Augustine of Canterbury

May 26

*First Archbishop of Canterbury, Missionary*

There were Christians in Britain when it was part of the Roman Empire, and this laid the foundations for an English church. Plagued by both external pressures and internal dissension, the Roman Empire effectively lost control of Britain by the end of the fourth century. The Saxon invasions of the fifth century submerged the earlier Celtic culture. The Celtic church was more and more confined to the west of Britain. They found missionary work among the invading Saxons extremely difficult and they became increasingly isolated. It is Augustine therefore who is known as “the apostle of the English” for his missionary work among the Anglo-Saxons. He became the first archbishop of Canterbury in 597.

It was Pope Gregory the Great who conceived the idea of a mission to the Anglo-Saxons in Britain, having seen, according to Bede, some fair-skinned slave boys in the market-place, and on discovering that they were Angles remarked on their angelic faces. In 596 Gregory sent a team of monks from his own monastery in Rome under the leadership of their abbot, Augustine. They nearly turned back, daunted by the prospect of living in what must have appeared a barbarous and dangerous outpost. However, they eventually landed in Britain in 597. Kent provided the obvious place to establish the mission as it was the part of Britain most influenced by the continent of Europe. The local king, Ethelbert, whose wife Bertha was a Christian, tolerated their mission and allowed them to establish themselves at Canterbury, using the old Roman Church of St Martin. The historian Bede notes:

*Here they first assembled to sing the psalms, to pray, to say Mass, to preach, and to baptise, until the king's own conversion to the Faith gave them greater freedom to preach and to build and restore churches everywhere.*

Ethelbert accepted Christianity and was baptised, as were a great many of his subjects. Augustine could now go to Arles, where he was consecrated archbishop of Canterbury. So successful had Augustine been that in 598 he sent to Rome for more monks.

Augustine continued to seek the advice of Gregory on even quite small matters. It was Gregory who gave him the following famous counsel over the variety of religious practices in England:

If you have found customs, whether in the Church of Rome or of Gaul or any other that may be more acceptable to God, I wish you to make careful selection of them, and teach the Church of the English, which is still young in the Faith, whatever you have been able to learn with profit from the various Churches. For things should not be loved for the sake of places, but places for the sake of good things.

Gregory empowered Augustine to appoint another archbishop in York and to ordain a dozen bishops in southern Britain. Augustine did not carry this through. Gregory also appointed Augustine archbishop of all the bishops in Britain, meaning the successors of Celtic bishops from Roman times. Augustine made efforts to contact these bishops and establish his primatial authority over them, but understandably, as he represented the newer Anglo-Saxon culture, they regarded him with great suspicion, and attempts at ecclesiastical unity in Britain at that time came to nothing.

By the time of Augustine's death in 604 or 605, the Anglo-Saxon church was well established in eastern and southern Britain.



# Justin

June 1  
Martyr at Rome

Justin was essentially a straightforward person, who had the courage to hold to his convictions at the cost of his life. For the church he was a pioneer in its relationship with the world of Greek philosophy.

Justin was born to pagan parents in Samaria about 100 CE. He spent some years exploring various philosophical schools, looking for the truth about life, but found most teachers shallow and unconvincing. In Platonism, however, he found a basic framework of understanding. Then about 135 at Ephesus, he was introduced to Christianity and remarked, “This is the only really reliable and useful philosophy I have found.”

Fifteen years later Justin was teaching in Rome, and it is there that the three works for which he is remembered were published: The Dialogue with Trypho the Jew, his First Apology, addressed to the emperor Antoninus Pius, about 155, and his Second Apology, addressed to the Roman Senate, about 161. “Apology” here is used as a technical term for a spirited defence of something. The Dialogue, which is set in Ephesus, is a long work defending the church against Jewish accusations of distorting the Old Testament. Justin, in common with many Christians of the day, sees the Old Testament as foreshadowing the events of the New.

It is in the Apologies that we see more of Justin’s pioneer work. Most earlier defences of Christianity had relied on simple assertions of blameless lives and harmless beliefs. However, Justin makes connections with widespread Platonic and Stoic ideas about the universe as a whole, notably in the concept of the “Logos” (“word” or “reason”) that shapes the rational world, linking it with Christ as the Word of God. Most later theologians were to some extent Justin’s descendants. Justin argues that the state has nothing to fear from Christians. In his defence of the exemplary character of Christians and of their practices, Justin also gives us insights into early Christian worship in baptism and the eucharist.

Justin and others were denounced to the authorities, according to one source, by Crescens the Cynic philosopher. They refused to make the customary gesture of allegiance to the emperor by participating in the pagan religious rites. Justin was executed about 165, along with six other Christians.

## ~COLLECT~

*Glory to you, Jesus, light of the world,  
for Justin's declaration when put to the test,  
that no right-minded person  
forsakes truth for falsehood;  
help us, like him, to hold on to that which is true.*



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## **SERVICES**

### **Sunday**

7:00am: Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
9:30am: Holy Eucharist (APBA)  
5:45pm: Holy Eucharist (APBA)  
5:45pm: Choral Evensong  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)

### **Weekday Eucharist**

10:00am – Wednesday  
12:00pm – Thursday