

**The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

**Prayer request:** *Please add any prayer requests to the book at the entrance to church before the service, and they shall be included in the intercessions during the service.*

**COLLECT**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 16. 16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set

food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## **PSALM**

### **Psalm 97**

The Lord is king: let the / earth re/joyce :  
let the multitude / of the / isles be / glad.

Clouds and darkness are / round a/bout him :  
righteousness and justice are the foun/dation / of his / throne.

Fire / goes be/fore him :  
and burns up his / enemies on / every / side.

His lightnings / lit up the / world :  
the / earth / saw it and / trembled.

The mountains melted like wax  
at the / presence • of the / Lord :  
at the presence of the / Lord of the / whole / earth.

The heavens de/clared his / righteousness :  
and all the / peoples have / seen his / glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in / mere / idols :  
bow down be/fore him / all you / gods.

Zion heard and was glad,  
and the daughters of / Judah re/joyced :  
be/cause of your / judgements, O / Lord.

For you, Lord, are most high over / all the / earth :  
you are exalted / far a/bove all / gods.

The Lord loves those / who hate / evil :  
he preserves the lives of his faithful  
and delivers them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

Light has sprung / up • for the / righteous :  
and / joy • for the / true of / heart.

Rejoice in the / Lord, you / righteous :  
and give / thanks • to his / holy / name.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Revelation 22. 12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21**

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 17. 20-26**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Notices

### Today

**11.15am We welcome the Sepp-Ganter Band from Oberkirch** who will be accompanying our music for the Eucharist in St Mary's.

**1.00pm Friends of St Mary's Lunch** at The Glen Hotel.

**3.00pm-4.30pm LMA Kids Club** at St Thomas' Church Hall

### Wednesday

**10.00am Mass at St Martin's**, followed by coffee in the hall.

**7.00pm St Martin's DCC meeting** at the Baring-Gould Room

### Friday

**11.00am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's**, followed by tea and toast.

**12.30pm Lunchtime Talk** at St Mary's Church. Pat Barker will be talking about "A Christmas Cruise to Rome", with pictures of her travels. Free admission and tea/coffee. Donations welcome.

### Next Sunday

**3.00pm Parish Family Service** at St Mark's VA School, Merlins Bridge.

### Services next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May – The Day of Pentecost

- **8.00am Low Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest**

- **9.30am Sung Parish Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest**

- **10.15am Parish Eucharist at St Ismael's, Camrose**

- **11.15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, Haverfordwest**

- **3.00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's VA School Merlins Bridge**

### Advanced Notice

#### **Inauguration of the Merlins Bridge Mission Centre**

This will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 7.30pm in St Mark's School. This will be a big occasion for the parish and for the diocese, with the Bishop, Archdeacon, and representatives from the Church Army taking part in establishing this Pioneer Ministry. Sister Val Legg will also be commissioned at this service.

### Parish Clergy

**Vicar:** *Fr Nick Cale, St Martin's Vicarage, Barn Street, Haverfordwest. Tel No: 01437 762303. Email: nickthevic@parishofhaverfordwest.co.uk (Tuesday is the Vicar's day off)*

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