

St Hilda's Warley Woods



Christ appearing to St Peter on the Appian Way – Annibale Carracci 1603

Sunday 5th May 2019

Hearing Jesus' Voice

A service of Holy Communion

The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Hilda's Church

Introduction to today's readings:

Acts

Saul (later known as St Paul) was one of the chief persecutors of the early Christian church known at the time as The Way. Today's reading recalls how he is given authority to find and imprison the followers of Christ from Damascus. However on the way there, he hears the voice of the resurrected Jesus, who states that Saul's persecution of those followers of The Way is tantamount to persecution of Jesus himself.

Ananias is one of those Christians in Damascus anticipating, and probably, fearing, the impending visit of Saul. But he too hears the voice of Jesus instructing him to go and find Saul because he has been chosen to become "Jesus instrument" to represent him to the Gentiles.

John

Seven disciples, including Peter, have been through an extraordinary time. They experienced the sorrow, guilt and pain of losing their leader and teacher to crucifixion, heard reports that he had returned to life, then saw him appear amongst their number on two occasions only to disappear, and now after going back to what they know, they find him cooking them breakfast. Peter, who carries most of the guilt, is taken aside by Jesus for a conversation that changes his life forever.

Hearing Jesus' voice

Saul, Ananias and Peter – all called by Jesus to undertake the work that he has for them – work that promises great rewards but comes at great costs.

What are our experiences of hearing Jesus' voice? What costs do we encounter in our journey of discipleship? Have you ever experienced an abundance of grace that has called you by your own name?

Richard Haynes

The Gathering

A young person says:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

Suzy welcomes us

**Hymn: CP 555 Praise my soul the King
of heaven**

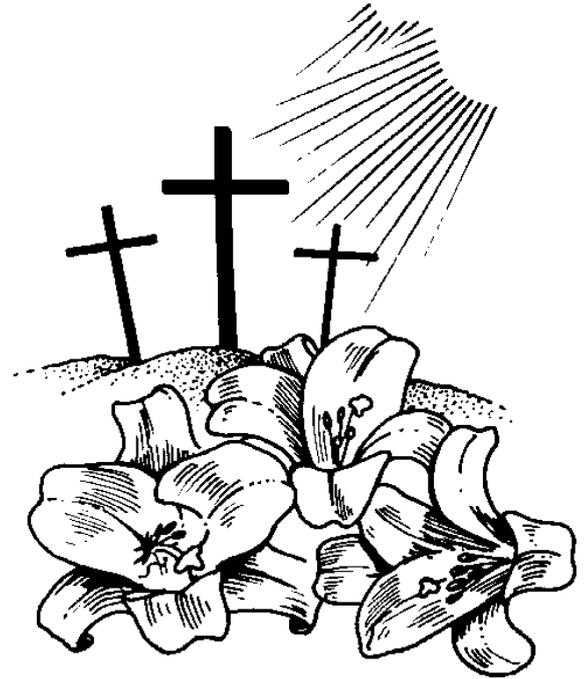
The Greeting

Peter greets the people

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.
We have been called out of darkness
into God's marvellous light.
Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit,**
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through **Christ our Lord.**
Amen.



The Confession¹

*Sit or kneel. There follows a period of silent reflection and self-examination.
Then Suzy leads our confession:*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord hear us and help us.

Words of forgiveness

Peter proclaims the liberty given us through Christ's forgiveness:

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Gloria (tune: Praise my soul, the King of heaven)

Please stand

**Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was from the beginning,
evermore shall be, Amen.**



The Collect

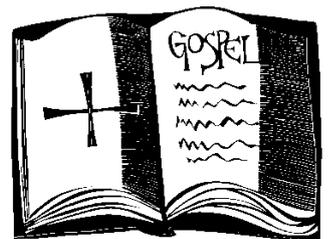
*A period of silence is introduced with the words 'Let us pray'.
The Collect is a special prayer for the day, which 'collects up'
the thoughts and prayers of all the people.*

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope;
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit.

First Reading: Acts 9: The Road to Damascus



9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: CP470 I the Lord of see and sky

Please stand

The Gospel Reading

Remain standing. When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead: **Alleluia!**
He has defeated the powers of death: **Alleluia!**
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing: **Alleluia!**
He has the words of eternal life: **Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Celtic Alleluia (Te Deum) Christopher Walker

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

John 21: 1-19 The Miraculous Catch of Fish

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.^[c] ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

At the end

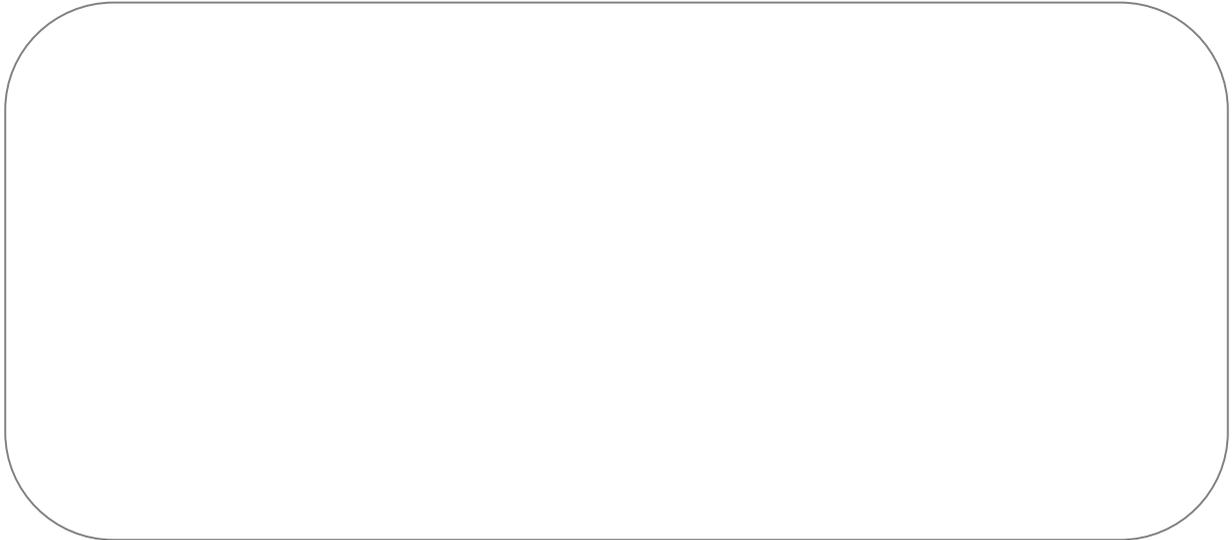
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Sermon:

Please use this space to jot down any thoughts that might help you or any questions you might have to ask God today.



A brief period of silence follows as we reflect on what we have heard.

The Creed

Please stand if you are able.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel as we are lead in prayer

The response after each prayer is:

Lord, we have heard you calling us,

Help us to follow you.

At the end of the prayers the final response is:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Please stand. Peter says:

The risen Christ came

and stood among his disciples and said,

'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad

when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 622: Will you come and follow me

The Liturgy of the Eucharist



Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Everyone joins in saying the words of the offertory proclamation

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
when you break bread
may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Remain standing as Peter leads us.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.



For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, Lord.² (x2)**

We praise and bless you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, alleluia.

Christ is risen, alleluia.

Christ will come again, alleluia, alleluia (x3)

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with
St Hilda and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sit or kneel.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, in our own mother tongue:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Receiving bread and wine or a blessing

If you are a communicant member of any Christian denomination, you are welcome to receive the sacrament. Should you require gluten-free wafers or non-alcoholic wine, please ask for this at the altar rail and our communion servers will be happy to bring these for you. If you are not, or do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward for a blessing. Wardens will guide you up at the appropriate time.

Prayer Ministry during Communion

At St Hilda's, we offer prayers with and for people who have come to church burdened for themselves or others for whom they care. Wise and kind prayer ministers, authorised by the vicar and supported by the congregation, offer to stand and pray in the St Katherine's Chapel, to the left-hand side.



If, after you have received communion or a blessing at the altar, would like to receive such prayer, then you are most welcome. You don't have to say anything, or you may ask for prayer for something very specific. In pairs, the prayer ministers will stand with you and pray. You might like to hold a 'holding cross' as you receive

Music during Communion

As we share communion, the worship group will sing

At the cross - *Randy Butler*

I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned
Find mercy and grace
Where the wrongs we have done
And the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with Him
There on the cross

At the cross (at the cross)
He died for our sin
At the cross (at the cross)
He gave us life again

I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned
Find mercy and grace
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And the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with You
There on the cross

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Prayers after Communion

Please remain seated as a special prayer is said by Suzy

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 forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices:

Very brief!

Final Hymn: CP 585 The church's one foundation

Stand to sing

The Dismissal³

Peter says these words of blessing

May you be a new creation,
Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you:
And the blessing of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Giver of life
be with you always. **Amen.**

Suzy then says:

Christ is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

³ Words of Blessing from the New Zealand Prayer Book © 1989, 2002

*Please stay after the service has ended.
Refreshments are served in the foyer at the back of church.*

NOTICES

St Hilda's Services during May:

Tonight at 6:30pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th May 10:30am - Parade Service

Christian Aid week is in full swing and we will have our annual special Parade Service to celebrate the work of this mission charity.

Sunday 12th May 6:30pm - Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May 10:30am - A service of Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May 6:30pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 26th May 10:30am - Holy Communion followed by a short service of Holy Baptism.

Sunday 26th May 6:30pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday 30th May 7:30pm - Ascension Day Holy Communion

DESPERATE NEED IN MALAWI

As has been widely reported in the media, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Southern Malawi have been hit by a calamitous cyclone in recent days. What has been less widely reported is that, only a week prior to Cyclone Idai, another bout of devastating flooding had already hit Southern Malawi. So the government had already declared a national disaster, many thousands had already lost homes and crops and at least 56 had already died even before Cyclone Idai arrived. News from the worst affected areas is presently hard to obtain. However, it is clear the situation is desperate. The South African government and the UN are already offering practical assistance and the British government has pledged financial assistance. What can we in Birmingham Diocese do? At this point three things:

- **Pray**
- **Send needed items on the next container lorry (leaving Birmingham on 18th May).**

- **Another alternative is to give through Christian Aid** who have launched an appeal.

PUB LUNCH RAMBLE 2019

The annual Pub Lunch Ramble [which replaces the Sociable Social Evening in May and is open to **EVERYONE!!**] will this year take place at ‘The Hampstall Inn’, a lovely pub on the banks of the River Severn at Astley Burf, near Stourport. The date for your diary is Saturday, 18th May at 12 noon. When the meal is over, we will have a short walk, weather permitting – but those who do not wish to walk can spend a relaxing afternoon either sitting by the river or having a spot of retail therapy in Stourport. Full details of how to get to the venue are to be found in the May magazine or on the church website – or see Derek in church if you wish or ring him on 429 8314. If you would like to join us for the occasion – and the meal will go ahead regardless of the weather – then please sign your name on the list which appears on the notice board in the outer porch **NO LATER** than Sunday morning, 12th May. We look forward to seeing you there! The Sociable Social Evening will return in June.
Julie, Rose and Derek.

FOODBANK

Many thanks to all who support the Smethwick Foodbank through your generous gifts of food, toiletries and money, which are very much appreciated. Donations from St Hilda's for the 3 weeks since 09 April weighed 49 kg. At present, the following are particularly needed: boxes of cereals, tins of vegetables, meat, fish, fruit, puddings, cartons of long life fruit juice, jars of coffee, packets of biscuits, small chocolate bars, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, handwash. The Foodbank currently has large stocks of baked beans, and no longer distributes sugar. Thank you for your help.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The May Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 18th May. Food will be served at around 9am in the Vicarage. A cooked breakfast or cereal will be available. There are no charges but donations if you wish. It would be good to see you there and share food, fellowship and faith.

Richard, Nick and Paul

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - MAY 12th-18th

If you are able to take part in this year's House-to-House collection, please sign up on the sheet on the CHRISTIAN AID display board at back of church. We are collecting from some different roads this year, some are quite short. Please indicate if you are willing to deliver the envelopes and/or collect them. We are encouraging collectors to go out in pairs, so that hopefully we will be able to cover all 15 roads allocated to us.

Peter Stokes.

ST HILDA'S MUSIC HUB RECITALS

All are welcome to these FREE (with donations on leaving) recitals in church, performed by students from Birmingham Conservatoire. Please tell your neighbours and bring a friend with you. The recitals are always of an extremely high standard and thoroughly enjoyable.

Saturday 18th May – 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Griffith Wadkin and Robert Markham – Solo Cello with piano accompaniment

PANTOMIME TIME!!!

Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is. The tickets are booked for our Annual Pantomime visit. The date for SNOW WHITE is 20th January 2020.

If you would like to come and join in the fun, please see cost and sign up sheet in the outer porch. Thank you. **Jean Downs.** Telephone0121 585 7823

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Programme of events for 'Up and Downs'

This the first of two dates planned for our Church Charity 'Up and Downs'. This is a local charity that supports families and carers of children with Downs Syndrome we would be pleased to see you at either or both of these events. Further information of future events will be included in the monthly Parish News. Thank you,
David & Wendy

May 18th 10am Baskets and Breakfast sandwiches with tea and coffee.

QUINBORNE CONCERT

Tickets for the choir's 80th anniversary 'Messiah' concert on 11th May at 7.0 p.m. at St. Georges', Edgbaston are now available, price £13 including wine and cake, from Lynda Webb, Delia and Derek Latham.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK QUIZ

This annual event will take place on Friday, 17th May in the Church Hall. This is a fun evening of general knowledge, spot prizes, half time quiz, raffle etc. all to raise money for Christian Aid, one of our four main charities. Either gather together a team of six people or come on your own and join on to another team. The cost is £2 per head and please bring your own refreshments, although tea/coffee making facilities will be available on the night. Doors open at 7.0 p.m. with a view to making a prompt start at 7.30 p.m. It would be great to see you there! If you've never been before, make this your starting year!! Believe me, it's great fun!
Derek Latham.

PLEASE TAKE BOOKLET AWAY WITH YOU

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