

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon  
THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

3<sup>RD</sup> MAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Service of the Word**

**Hymns**

98 Christ is our cornerstone  
964 Gloria  
503 O Jesus I have promised  
343 Jesus, lover of my soul  
434 Loving shepherd of thy sheep

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus  
Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the  
gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so, by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*New Testament reading – Julie*

**Acts 7. 55 - end**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down

and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**



*The stoning of Saint Stephen  
Lorenzo Lotto, 1480?-1556?  
Accademia Carrara, Bergamo*

**Psalm 72. 10 – 15**

**To the leader. A Psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.
- <sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide  
me,
- <sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful  
God.
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies  
and persecutors.
- <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

*New Testament reading – Pam*

**1 Peter 2. 2 - 10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',  
and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**



*Mosaic from  
Kariye Camii  
showing  
Christ  
enthroned  
1315-1321  
Anonymous  
Istanbul*

*Gospel reading – Stuart*

**John 14. 1 - 14**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**