

Heavenly one, you called the resurrected Christ home to be exalted in heaven. We wait expectantly for the fulfilment of your promise to equip us with the Holy Spirit on Earth. May we wait with courage and patience. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THIS WEEK

Monday 17 May 9.30am Baby Sensory & **Mainly Music**; 4pm Ak Girls Choir
 Tuesday 18 May 9.30am Communicare; **2.00pm Funeral for Rosemary Vial**
 7.30pm Vestry Meeting
 Wednesday 19 May 10.00am **Holy Communion (BCP 1928)**, Kinder Chapel
Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.
 9am Transdev; 1.00pm Ina Yoon - Harpist ; 6pm Toastmasters
 Thursday 20 May 10am Yoga in the Lounge; 5.30 Girl Guides
 Friday 21 May 5.30pm Remuera Jr Chess Club
NEXT SUNDAY **PENTECOST— wear something red to celebrate the Church’s Birthday!**
 23 May 8.00 am Said Eucharist
 9.30 am Choral Eucharist

FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 13 June 12.00pm Patronal Lunch in the Parish Centre. We have a new caterer this year who has been providing excellent dinners for Lions’ Social events recently. The cost to the parish for the hearty main and dessert is \$36. Entry will be ticketed and is by donation. Please call or email Diana in the office to arrange a ticket before 28 May.

Donations towards Organ Console Refurbishment

The target is drawing closer. Thank you to all who have given to this campaign, to Sylvia Rosevear who has led it so ably, and to Trevor Brooker who has put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes on the technical side of things. If you would like to contribute to this legacy project, please see Sylvia Rosevear or contact Diana in the office.

The account to deposit your gift into is **03 0104 0109908 02**. Please use **‘donation’** for the reference and **‘organ’** as the particulars. Also, if you are not on our Parish Roll, please email Diana in the Parish Office (office@stmarks.org.nz) with your contact details so we can properly thank you and send you a tax-receipt.



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16 May 2021 - Ascension Sunday

8.00am Eucharist NZPB

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Christ’s Ascension

Thursday last week was the official day of Ascension – coming as it did 40 days after Easter Sunday. That is the number of days, Luke tells us (in Acts), between Jesus’ Resurrection and his Ascension into Heaven. Many churches now transfer this commemoration to the following Sunday. That is what we’ve done too because it would be a shame to miss the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the mystery of Jesus’ movement from this world to the next. At Christmas our focus is on the Word-made-flesh, that is, on the infinite, eternal and changeless God *crossing over* into our finite, temporal and ever-changing world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. At Ascension our minds turn to what it might mean for us and creation now that our Lord has returned to the infinite realm not only as a soul or mind but as a body also. At the very least this signals a special bond between God the Creator, on the one hand, and the world that God created and declared to be very good, on the other. Christmas and Ascension signal to us something important about the nature of God that could (and has at times) been easily missed, which is that God loves the world, both the spiritual side of it and the material dimension—and is more than capable and comfortable bridging the gap between them.

Mea Culpa. Please note that the original version of the May Messenger had an error on page 8 referring to a Choral Evensong on 30 May. That is incorrect. **The only Choral Evensong for May is TONIGHT, 16 May at 5.00pm—see you there!**

Tony Surman