

### Annual Assembly

Wednesday 16 May at 7.30pm. Nomination lists are available at the back of the church for your nominations for Churchwardens, Almoners and members of the Committee. Ask the person you have been thinking about and praying for, to ensure that he / she is willing to stand for the post in question. With a seconder, enter the names on the list.

### Archbishop's worldwide role faces criticism

A coalition of bishops and church leaders from Africa, the Americas and Australasia, representing 40 million Anglicans, has launched a scathing attack on what they see as a liberal drift in the Anglican Church in Dr Williams' time as Archbishop of Canterbury. The primates criticised "revisionist attempts" to abandon basic doctrines on issues such as homosexuality and "turn Christianity merely into a movement for social betterment". They said it was now clear that the leadership in England had quite failed to hold the 77 million-strong worldwide Anglican Communion together, leaving it in crisis. They said it was therefore time for a "radical shift" in how the church is structured, by moving away from models of the "British Empire" and that the Archbishop of Canterbury should be stripped of his role as figurehead of the worldwide Anglican Church.

*The Telegraph 27 April*

### Footballer on the power of prayer

Fabrice Muamba shared the story of his recovery with The Sun newspaper. He told reporters: "I asked God to protect me and he didn't let me down. I am walking proof of the power of prayer. For 78 minutes I was dead and even if I lived was expected to have suffered brain damage. But I'm very much alive and sitting here talking now. Someone up there was watching over me." The 24-year-old footballer was speaking for the first time since he collapsed on the pitch in front of fans.

*The Sun 22 April*

### John 14:13 14:14 15:7 15:16

"I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father".

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it".

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you".

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name".

### From Bruce Milne's commentary on John

When we remain in Christ we are in such harmony with God's purpose that the yearning of our hearts accords with his divine concerns and so prayer is answered according to his will. Where hearts are set to conform to his will and open to share his yearning for the world, the potential of prayer is without limit.



## CHURCHES OF ST MARTIN DE GROUVILLE & ST PETER LA ROCQUE

News Sheet

6 May 2012

5th Sunday of Easter

*We welcome Ian and Michelle de la Cour  
as they bring their daughter Jenna for baptism*

### Today

**8.30 am Holy Communion**  
(Order Two p229)  
Preacher/Celebrant Mike Lange-Smith  
Server Peter Holliday  
Readers Philip Bailhache  
Martin Durell, Peter Holliday  
Prayers Mike Lange-Smith  
Welcomers Bernard Le Tourneur  
Philip Bailhache

### 10.30 am Family Worship with Baptism

Leader Anne Dupré  
Preacher Linda Bois  
Reader Caroline Osgood  
Prayers Mike Lange-Smith  
Organist Daniel Speck  
Welcomers Sue de la Mare  
John Le Cocq, Karen Lange-Smith  
Coffee Jill Le Maistre, Fiona Sangar

There is FAIRTRADE coffee or tea  
after the 10.30 am service

### Next Sunday 13 May

8.30 am Holy Communion  
**10.30 am Holy Communion**  
and renewal of marriage vows  
6.30 pm Evensong

### This Week in Church

**Wednesday 9 May**  
10.00 am Holy Communion

### The Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare  
your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Amen*

*Happy Birthday to Val Wood (yesterday)  
and to Joan Seymour (Tuesday)!*  
*Congratulations to Roger and Maureen Burton  
on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Saturday)!*

## Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

**Acts 8.26-40** (Page 1101)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before the shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."



The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptised?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

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**1 John 4.7-21** (Page 1227)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved

God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
***Glory to you, O Lord***

**John 15.1-8** (Page 1083)

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
***Praise to you, O Christ***

