



**But I will sing of your strength; I will sing
aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress and a
refuge in the day of my distress.**

Psalm 59 v 16

**SERVICES THIS WEEKEND
Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28th**

8 am Holy Communion – Joy leading.

10 am Morning Worship with Zoë

This will also be the fourth of a six sermon series on MISSION.

Lectionary readings

Acts 8 v 26 - 40

1 John 4 v 7 - 21

John 15 v 1 - 8

Monday April 29th

Little Fishes this Monday - opens at **9 am** and finishes 11 am. A semi-structured session for toddlers, babies, bumps and their adults, to play, make friends, hear a very simple bible story, enjoy activities together, finishing with singing. No charge, but suggested donations in the region of £2 for those who can afford it.

7 pm PCC meets with the Area Dean.

Zoom Prayers 7.30pm – 8.10ish.

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtPJV6

Tuesday 30th

Circle Dancing in the Church Centre

1.15pm – 3 pm with Rosemary & Mel.
Queries to 07960 241785

Wednesday May 1st

9 am Morning Prayer in church

Friday May 3rd

Quiet Morning starting in the Church Centre.
Refreshments from 9 am; start 9.30 am.

LIFTS SOUGHT

Next week, the Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday May 7th in the Church Centre. A couple of ladies need a lift there at 1.45 pm, and home again at 4.15 pm. Could you help?

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Collective Worship in school

This week saw the first visit from one of the Emsworth ministers to take Collective Worship in our primary school. The Churchwarden was unfortunately not well enough to attend, but Bill Wilson, our Foundation Governor and currently Chair of the School board of Governors went along in support, and also Mel, who is familiar with the school as a recent Grandparent and member of our pre-covid Open the Book Assembly team who used to go in regularly.

Little Fishes and 'Meals for Mums'

It's a catchy tagline, but of course it is more than just the Mums.

We are making progress with offering a few meals to Little Fishes' families who have all the pressures of a new baby, sleepless nights and chaos that go with that. At the moment we are hoping to be able to offer about 3 meals a week for three weeks, but this will be reviewed as we go on.

One of the Mums has kindly designed a flyer and response form for us to hand out to appropriate families, and we have a WhatsApp group of a goodly number of you folk who have offered to cook and deliver meals.

It is possible we may have to register with the local council as a 'food business' so Mandy, Marion and Carol are looking into this.

One of the newest babies came with her Italian grandparents too, on Monday, who are not English speakers. It was such a joy to have Zoë launching fluently into their own tongue to chat and making them very welcome. The children also enjoyed 'feeding the pig' during the story of the Prodigal Son, and 'making it muddy' with brown paint on the Tuff tray messy play activity.

PRAYER

Last week a shock diagnosis of leukaemia was made for Cordelia, the 4 year old granddaughter of Terry & Mandy. Cordelia's parents Adam & Abi, both grew up in Rowlands Castle and are know to many of us. Cordelia has started chemotherapy this week, the beginning of what is expected to be a 2 year treatment regimen. Please pray for Cordelia and all her family; for successful treatment, for wise and caring hospital staff, for a real sense of the love and peace of the Lord as they endure this trial. Terry & Mandy have been busy helping look after Verity, Cordelia's sister, so need our prayers too.

Please pray for Alan, newly widowed and now far from well himself, in QA.

Praise God Nigel was able to be at church last week, after a long illness. Pray for continued healing and strength.

Please continue to pray for the PCC as issues relating to the Interregnum and the future of St John's are worked out.

Also for the wider church, government leaders and all the war torn and suffering areas of the world.

Please pray for our worship leaders and PCC.

Pray for all the young families represented at Little Fishes, and that they would be blessed.

Please send any NEWS for **next week** to daphneyoungs@gmail.com or phone 023 9241 2964 by **Wednesday** please.

Thank you!

Daphne