

Please see the Parish Mailing for details on how to book for services. Live Streaming of services will continue so you will be able to see services live via our YouTube Channel.

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Barry's Organ Recital is still on our YouTube channel - your donations will go towards the Tower & Building works appeal. See St John's website for more details and how you can make a donation.

Don't forget St John's Coffee Morning which is on Zoom every Sunday from 11am. It's an excellent way to keep in touch with everyone.

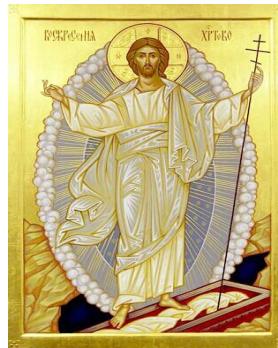
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St John's continues to support our local foodbank during these difficult times so if you wish to give towards a cash donation, please visit St John's website and press 'DONATE'. There is also a box in the porch now for your donations of food.

Don't forget to visit our online shop (via the website).

St John's website:
www.stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk

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St John the Baptist, Malden

EASTER V

Sunday 2nd May 2021

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.

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.
HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We pray for those in particular need:
Jill, Susanna, Andrea, Alice, Derek, Jane,
Heather & Ian, Anne & Vaf, Pat, Joanna, Alan.
We pray for the people of India.
We pray for the family of Jimi who lost his life
attempting Thames rescue.
We pray for those whose Year's Mind occurs
this week: Gwendoline Preedy, Dorothea Paul,
Eve Alexander, Vera Quinn, Paul Wickham.

Today's organ voluntary:

Sonata No. 5 in C major (3rd movt.)

- J. S. Bach

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FIRST READING**ACTS 8:26-end**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

GOSPEL READING**JOHN 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.’

