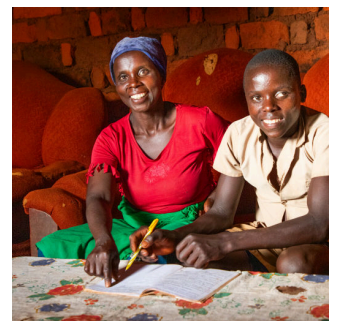




Getting Ready for Christian Aid Week Sunday 12th-18th May

Christian Aid is a global movement, working in the name of Jesus, to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Money raised directly to local partners; people working on the ground. That way, corrupt governments can't misuse the funds. When emergencies strike in these countries Christian Aid is there before, during, and after to save lives and give long term support.

This year, the focus is on Burundi where over 70% of the population live in poverty and many families eat just one meal a day. Christians Sid have been working there to help families establish and run small businesses with diverse and reliable income streams, thereby giving greater food security, health and resilience to disaster. Will you support them this year? Every house in East Leake will receive an envelope telling you how you can contribute. Collectors will be out on the streets on Saturday May 11th and 17th. There is a coffee morning and cake stall at the Methodist Church in East Leake. And a prayer sheet will be available with a thought and prayer for each day. Love and thank you for your support and prayers.



Welcome Event Sunday 28th April, 3pm

If you're new to St Mary's, or just want to find out more about what goes on, come along to our welcome event and hear something of the story of St Mary's and our vision for the future. Explore what's happening in the life of St Mary's and meet others in a similar place to you. *Contact:*

daniel@eastleakechurch.org

Sunday: 9:15am Holy Communion **11am** Morning worship



A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

'By his wounds you have been healed' 1 Pet 2:24

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

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. Amen.

Bible Reading

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| Friday: | Acts 21:17-26 |
| Saturday: | Acts 21:27-36 |
| Sunday: | Acts 21:37-40 |
| Monday: | Acts 22:1-21 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 22:22-30 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 23:1-22 |
| Thursday: | Acts 23:22-35 |
| Friday: | Acts 24:1-16 |



These readings look at the end of Paul's 2nd missionary journey and Paul's return to Jerusalem to stand trial and give testimony about the resurrection of Jesus

www.biblica.com/online-bible

Collect for the day

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, Amen.

A prayer for perseverance

Loving God, you call on us to build your kingdom of justice, mercy, and truth. It isn't a task for the faint-hearted. When we lose our sense of purpose, fill us with faith. When we doubt or throw up our hands in despair, fill us with hope. When we pass by our neighbour as though we did not know them, Fill us with the love that turns us back and takes us to their aid. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer for loneliness

Father, we bring to you in prayer people whose lives are starved of friendship: those who find it difficult to make friends; those who are cut off from their friends by distance; and those who in old age have lost the friends they had. Comfort and sustain them, O Lord, with your love. Help them to discover new interests in life and to seek fellowship in the family of the Church. Amen.

A prayer for the church

Father, may your Holy Spirit kindle in all our hearts a greater love for Christ and his Church, and make us fully alive to the opportunities of service which are ours in today's world. Save us from complacency and fear of what is new; inspire us with the vision of a world won for you; and stir our wills to pray and work and give until your will is done on earth as in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for the sick

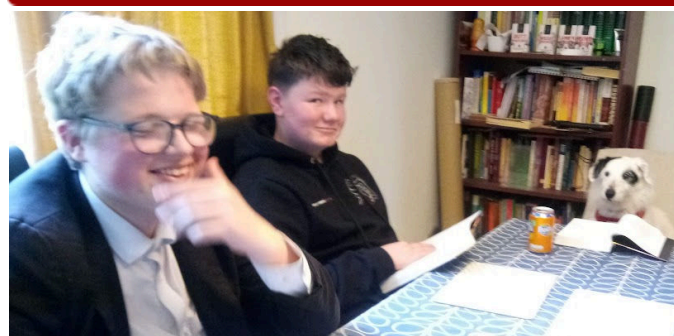
Heavenly Father, we commend to your love and care those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and especially... In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind, and peace of heart, that in wholeness of being they may glorify your name, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life. Amen.

Picture of the week



Nimbus joins in on Youth Alpha on wednesday nights - as we looked at Jesus eating with the tax collectors.