

Services next Sunday

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter La Rocque
- 10.30am Holy Communion

Other Events

Annual Assembly – Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm.
Nominations, please, for Church Officers, members of Church Committee, and Lay Reps for Deanery Synod. Minutes and the Accounts can be collected today.

Thy Kingdom Come – Novena

A worldwide call to prayer in the “Novena” between Ascension Day (25th May) and Pentecost (4th June). Collect one of the prayer booklets and use it daily.

As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, please come and use the prayer stations that will be set out in the church during the Novena. They may lead you into new ways of praying, or build upon the ways that you have used for years.

La Hougue Bie service – with breakfast afterwards. Our annual service will be at 7.00am on Sat 3rd June.

Pray for.....

- ◇ Jill Le Maistre
- ◇ The ‘Open the Door’ team visiting Grouville School
- ◇ Wendy, sharing in assemblies at Grouville School
- ◇ Eric Woosnam, mourning the death of his wife
- ◇ The clergy as they meet in their Chapter meeting
- ◇ Our Annual Assembly and for those considering standing for Church Committee
- ◇ The members of the municipality and especially the Roads Committee
- ◇ Mike and Emma Keirle, as he prepares to become the new Dean of Jersey.

Mission Action Plan – MAP

We know that any church’s MAP will build from that church’s “Purpose statement” and “Vision statement”. We drew up our Vision statement with the help of the (former) Dean in a two-fold Vision Day back in 2013. But what is our purpose – our reason for being here? We are told that the way to consider this is not to see it from our own, individual point of view, but to try and see it from God’s point of view. So, with that in mind, complete this sentence (in no more than 10 words):

Our purpose is to

Let’s all put our suggestions on the board at the back. See what others have written, let that guide your own thinking, then write down what you think is a better statement. By helping each other, we will gradually improve the statement until it is the very best possible. It is our last chance to work on this before our AGM!

Grouville Church

people of God who long to

Welcome everyone

Grow together and

Serve the community.

Join us on the journey!



21st May 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion (p207)

Leader/Server	Linda Bois
Celebrant/Preacher	Mike Lange-Smith
Readers	Will Bailhache, Jan Romeril Mike Lange-Smith
Prayers	Linda Bois
Welcomers	Will Bailhache, Jan Romeril

10.30 Morning Worship

Leader	Linda Bois
Preacher	Mike Lange-Smith
Readers	Shelagh Dix, Cindy Ferrow
Prayers	Linda Bois
Welcomers	Shelagh Dix, Karen Lange-Smith
Refreshments	Richard Wood, Cindy Ferrow
Organist	Martina

The Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside
you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Hymns at 10.30

- 26 Alleluia sing to Jesus
- 14 All heaven declares
- 4 A new commandment (*first verse only*)
- 186 Great is thy faithfulness
- 90 Come down, O Love divine
- 378 O Lord, all the world belongs to you

This week

Wednesday	7.30pm	Annual Assembly at the Parish Hall
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Ascension Day

Readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31 (page 1113)

Paul stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."



This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Peter 3.13-22 (page 1219)

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 14.15-20, 23-26 (page 1082)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

