# St. Wilfrid's Weekly



## The 5th Sunday of Easter



### The OT Reading - Genesis 22.1-18

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' <sup>2</sup>God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' 3So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burntoffering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' 6Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' 8 Abraham said, 'God himself

will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 12 The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your

son, your only son, from me.' 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.' 15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, 18 and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

### The Epistle - Acts 11.1-18

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing

profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

### The Gospel - John 13.31-35

31 During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34 give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

### Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 98

O sing unto the Lord a / new / song : for he hath / done / marvellous / things.

With his own right hand and with his / holy / arm: hath he / gotten him / self the / victory.

The Lord declared / his sal/vation: his righteousness hath he openly / shewed in the / sight of the / heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the / house of / Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the sal/vation of / our / God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord / all ye / lands : sing re / joice and / give / thanks.

Praise the Lord up / on the / harp : sing to the / harp with a / psalm of / thanksgiving.

With trumpets / also and / shawms: O shew yourselves joyful be / fore the / Lord the / King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that / therein / is : the round world and / they that / dwell there / in.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together be / fore the / Lord : for he is / come to / judge the / earth.

With righteousness shall he / judge the / world: and the / people / with / equity.

### This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

### Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If you have never been before why not join us for our <u>midweek</u>

<u>Communion</u> service at The Beacon at 10.00 a.m. each

Wednesday, followed by a coffee morning?

Knit and Natter meets this Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. at the Beacon.

Next Sunday at 10.00 a.m. we welcome back <u>Sue Fielder</u>. Sue came and spoke to us a couple of years ago about her struggle with cancer and the things she had learned.

Next Sunday our ex-reader, the Rev. Michelle Goodrich, will be installed as a Canon at Mampong Cathedral. We wish her well and thank her for her continuing support for the church if God in Ghana.

#### The Rector's Sabbatical

This will begin on Thursday so please be aware of a few changes over the next few months -

- There will not be new Zoom links each week. These were emailed to you yesterday and you will be able to use the same ones each week.
- The colour e-Bulletin will not be emailed to you but it will be published on the church website. The B&W version will still be available in church each Sunday.
- There will be no Alternative Wednesday services in June or July.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Peter Brighouse

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l	(2014+)	Fleur Clover		

### This Week's Diary (Week beginning 18th May)

	Sun.	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	Church Church Church	
	Mon.	10.00 a.m.	Parents & Tots	The Beacon	
	Wed.	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning Knit and Natter	The Beacon The Beacon The Beacon	
	Thu.	7.45 p.m.	Doorway	The Beacon	
	Fri.	6.00 p.m.	Youth Club	The Beacon	
	Sat.	10.00 a.m.	Drop-In	The Beacon	
Sun.	The 6th Sunday of Easter				
		8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Said Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion	Church Church Church	



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### This Sunday's Readings - The 5th Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 98 Daniel 6:6-23 Mark 15:46-16:8

#### Next Sunday's Readings - The 6th Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>	
Acts 16:9-15	Zephaniah 3:14-end	
John 14:23-29	Matthew 28:1-10,16-end	

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