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## Rev Dave Richards writes:

The late Cheslyn Jones, Principal of Pusey House in Oxford, was heard to say that it he much easier to endure the 40 days of Lenten Penance than celebrate the 50 days of Easter Alleluias. Maybe that says something about his approach to faith, but it does remind us that Easter is more than one day – it is with us right through Ascension to the Day of Pentecost, (24th May this year, if you were wondering). That’s a lot of Alleluias!

Pentecost is the culmination of the Church year. From then on we are in “ordinary time” right through to Advent – the great story has been told and we are working out its implications. Pentecost is a theological high point; Jesus died, he rose again, he ascended to heaven, now he leaves us the great gift of His Spirit – His presence with us for all time. Immediately after his Resurrection, (Luke 24:49), and before his Ascension, (Acts 1:4f), Jesus tells his disciples to: ”wait for the gift my Father promised ... you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit... You will receive power....”

The Holy Spirit is the least well-known person of the Trinity. Try some research: ask people what they know about God the Father, and about Jesus His Son; you will get some reasonable answers. Ask people what they know about the Holy Spirit and you will often get a resounding “ummmmm...”. (Sadly, this response is often similar for those inside and outside the church).

This should not be so! Jesus left us with His Spirit so that we can:

- *Witness to the great things God has done (Acts 1:8)*
- *Be taught all things and be reminded of what Jesus has said (John 14:26)*
- *Know the truth (John 15:27)*
- *Glorify God (John 16:13f)*
- *Receive gifts to enable us to continue the work of Jesus in the world (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)*

In short, the Spirit makes the difference between a rather lost, inward-looking and aimless church (see Acts 1) and a church which is dynamic, effective, outgoing and able to change lives (see Acts 2).

It's beyond sad that we know so little about the Holy Spirit – it's a tragedy for the church and for the world. I have this awful picture of the devil sitting in Hell saying to himself: "I'm safe, because those Christians will never threaten me until they learn to let the Holy Spirit free them, guide them, empower them, and make the Gospel of Jesus known to the right people, in the right manner, at the right time".

Jesus promises that we will not be left as orphans. He will always be with us through His Spirit. Let us pray for that Spirit to be with us and in us.

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel:  
send us out in the power of the same Spirit  
to witness to your truth  
and to draw all people to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.  
(Collect for the day of Pentecost)

May God continue to bless us this Easter as we look forward to Pentecost.

**Rev. David Richards**

# Generous God Generous People



**New series starting across the team on May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Join us as we explore God's heart of generosity  
and the implications for us, His people.**

## **Staff Announcement**

We are both sad and excited to announce that our Curate Natalie will be leaving Swanage in August to be licensed as Succentor, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle where she will also be completing her curacy, and Chaplain at St George's School. The Succentor is a priest who leads and sings worship, supports liturgical planning and administration, and contributes to the pastoral and teaching life of St George's Chapel.

Natalie will be extremely sad to leave Swanage and Studland and the Diocese of Salisbury. She has met and worked with some wonderful people who have become dear friends. She is grateful to be here for one more summer, and excited to see what God has in store for this next chapter of her ministry.

Please do hold Natalie and Joseph in your prayers, along with the people of Swanage, Studland, Windsor and the College of St George.

# St Mary's

## May Services

### Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Choral Eucharist  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

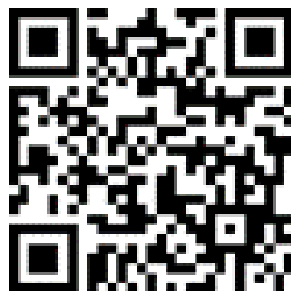


### Weekly Services/Events:

Tues	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful (particularly suitable for those living with dementia or any kind of special need)
Weds	10am-12.30pm 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion (every 4 <sup>th</sup> Weds with Healing)
Fri	5.45pm 6.30pm 6-30pm	Junior Choir practice Adult choir practice Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom (term time only)

Sunday School (in St Mary's Rooms) follows the 10.30am  
service on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

We now have a convenient QR code available for anyone who would like to make a donation to any of our three parishes. Simply scan the code shown here to give securely and support our parish.



## **Other dates for your diary**

Sun 10th 6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong with  
Prof Stephen Darlington

Sat 16th 12.30-4.30pm Set up and rehearsal for evening concert  
7.00pm Concert: Belvedere Singers

Sat 23rd 11am-1pm Salisbury & District Organists Association visit

Sun 31st 6.30pm Arizonian choir joining St Mary's choir for  
Choral Evensong

### **St Mary's Notes**

Literally a “red letter day”, Ascension Day falls on Thursday, 14th May, Pentecost follows on the 24th, with Trinity Sunday ending the month on the 31st May. Although designated a “Feast”, and featuring in the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds, Ascension Day seems to have become the poor relation of the three Feasts. I went to a C of E primary school and can recollect crocodiles of children walking to the school service in the parish church and then having the rest of the day as holiday. Many countries still have a public holiday on Ascension Day.

“They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ (Acts 1:11)

Ascension Day isn't forgotten at St Mary's. As usual, we will have a Choral Eucharist at St Mary's at 7.30pm. The service will be followed by “drinks and nibbles”. And there'll still be time to get home afterwards in daylight!

**Avril Harris and Ray Davis**  
**Churchwardens**



**Regular Sunday Services  
May**

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Worship with children's groups, except on  
2nd Sunday All-Age Café Church.  
1st Sundays Communion

Weekly Church Calendar at All Saints

TERMTIME All Saints Toddlers Mondays 9:15am

Coffee Pot Thursdays 10:30am

TERMTIME Art workshop Fridays 10am

Opportunities to Pray together at All Saints  
Weekly Thursdays 9:30 – 10am  
(with a focus on our mission partners on the final one of the  
month)

## Other dates for your diary

**Sun 19 April 6pm Youth Alpha** starts in All Saints Hall – for young people school years 9-13 contact Jackie on [ycprojects@swanageteam.com](mailto:ycprojects@swanageteam.com) for more information

**Wed 22 April 6:30pm Alpha Course for Adults starts.** This is a joint course run with Emmanuel Baptist church at EBC. Contact [jo@swanageteam.com](mailto:jo@swanageteam.com) for more information.

**Sat 2 May: 8.15am Swanage Christian Men's Group Breakfast**  
@MacAllisters

**Thu 7 May Midweek Worship** 7-8:30pm An opportunity for extended band-led praise and worship at All Saints.  
POSTPONED UNTIL THE SUMMER

**Thu 21 May 7pm Any Questions:** "Science & faith— friend or foe" at All Saints. Drinks from 6:30pm (more info from David [d.stephen.w1@gmail.com](mailto:d.stephen.w1@gmail.com))

**Sun 24 May 10:30am Pentecost Praise with a sea baptism**

**Sun 31 May 12 noon Bring Your Own Lunch after church** @All Saints

## All Saints News

As I write this the Easter acclamation is still ringing in my ears: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

It was such a joy to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus first on the beach with Christians from across Swanage, and then with the church family at All Saints later that morning. It was great to see the many children take part in an Easter egg hunt around the church hall and grounds during the service.

On Maundy Thursday members of the church met together to share an evening meal. Here we were able to reflect on the events of the meal Jesus shared with his disciples through songs and readings. It was an evening of both fellowship and silence which led to a deeper appreciation and understanding of that occasion. The most poignant part of the evening was sharing bread and wine together as we remembered the new meaning he gave to them as being his body and blood and leaving in silence, after a reflection of Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday morning we held an all-age service where Jo explored the meaning of why 'Good' Friday, before dividing between active and quiet reflection spaces. Our families appreciated the opportunity to explore the meaning and implication of Holy Week through a set of prayerful activities in the hall and continued on after the main body of the congregation had left on the walk of witness!

One of the weekly highlights at All Saints is the Thursday morning prayer meeting. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet together to seek the Lord and pray for our church, the parish and the world. We meet in the quiet room from 9:30 – 10am – why not join us?

On 25th April, the All Saints committee, together with anyone who wishes to attend will have met for a morning to reflect on 'where are we going? What is God calling us to be? The outcome will be reported on next month, however, whether or not we are there, I pray it will provoke personal reflection on the part we individually play as members of the All Saints family and what God is calling us to do and be as part of that family.

April will also see the launch of two Alpha courses – one for adults being held jointly with Emmanuel Baptist Church starting on Wednesday 22nd April. The other a Youth Alpha for young people (school years 9-13) at All Saints, starting on Sunday 19th April.

Please hold in your prayers both the leaders and those taking part in each of these courses.

May the joy of Easter continue to ring in our ears:

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**John Payne, Churchwarden.**

### **Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May 2026**

During this week churches in Swanage will be fund-raising to support the work of Christian Aid. This year there is a spotlight on settlements in Nairobi where, with tools and training, mothers can grow vegetables in small city spaces to enable them to feed their family and earn an income.

Our Christian Aid treasurer reported that thanks to events in our churches last year we raised £3,871.52 with an additional £518 in Gift Aid. Our Lent lunches this year raised £934.10 with an additional £161 in Gift Aid. We are enormously grateful to all those involved in and generously supporting the events.

**Christian Aid Committee**

### **WORSHIP @ 6**



**Worship@6 will be on June 7,  
September 6, October 4, and  
December 6 at Emmanuel  
Baptist Church**

## DIARY DATES MAY 2026



<b>Sunday 3rd May</b>	- 10am Holy Communion
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	- 11-4 Herston Community Picnic – Jubilee Road Field
<b>Sunday 10th May</b>	- 10am Holy Communion with Rev Tony Higgins
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b>	- 7pm Bible Study
<b>Thursday 14th May</b>	- Ascension Day Holy Communion 7:30pm
<b>Sunday 17th May</b>	- 10am Holy Communion with Rev Jo Levasier
<b>Wednesday 20th May</b>	- 7pm PCC meeting at All Saints
<b>Sunday 24th May</b>	- 10am Pentecost Celebration!
<b>Tuesday 26th May</b>	- 7pm Bible Study
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>	- 10am Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday
<b>Mondays 6:15pm</b>	- Choir Practice
<b>Wednesdays 10am</b>	- Prayer & Share

### St Marks Notes

St Mark's had a great **Holy Week**, with some of our Junior Choir joining in the Palm Sunday **Celebration!** Service, (despite the loss of an hour's sleep as the clocks went forward), and a very enjoyable Easter Teddy Bear's Picnic. We had some challenging Holy Week Reflections (thanks to Margaret Williams and John Cooper), and a thoughtful Good Friday Service.

St Mark's members joined in the **Churches Together events**. On Good Friday, Anne Roper carried the cross for the first part of the procession from EBC to the Bandstand, and Colin provided the music.



Dave, having the loudest voice, led the Easter morning Sunrise Service on the beach. It is great the Swanage churches are able to join together for these events.

Easter Sunday was amazing with the largest attendance many people could remember for a long time, an anthem from our growing choir and some brilliant flower arrangements. Thanks to all involved!

Just before Easter we held our **Annual Meeting**. We welcomed Anne Roper and John Way back for another year as Church Wardens, said thank you to Stephen Higgins as PCC rep. and to Ann Higgins and Uta Keats as Church Committee members. We promptly welcomed Uta back as a PCC rep. (such devotion to duty...) and welcomed Anthony Malpas and Gerard Jensen as new Committee members. **Thanks to all who serve faithfully as Church Leaders – we are grateful for all you do.**

It was unanimously agreed at the Annual Meeting that Colin Burgess should be known as Director of Music, rather than Organist and Choirmaster. To emphasise the point, Anne Roper presented him with a badge (and a celebratory bottle of wine) the following Sunday. We are immensely grateful for all the music that Colin provides!

Looking forward, there is lots happening. Pentecost will be a Celebration! Service – what a great chance for some lively music; Trinity Sunday will remind us that God is more complex than we can ever imagine, and all our musicians are gearing up for our annual Afternoon Concert of Light Music, (followed, of course, by wine and nibbles, in true St Mark’s tradition) on 14th June.

On a personal note, I reach the age of 70 in June. This is the normal age for clergy to retire and hand back their Licence to the Bishop. I am grateful to Bishop Karen for agreeing to extend my Licence for a further 2 years. After 45 years of ordained ministry (and 2 years as a Reader prior to that), I am still excited about the Gospel of Jesus, and I am pleased that I can continue to officially proclaim that Gospel.

**Rev David Richards**

### **Cover Page**

*For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.*

*Malachi 4.2*

# St Nicholas Studland News



Dear Friends,

There are so many reasons to celebrate the arrival of May: there's the promise of summer in the air as buds burst and blossoms appear; the swallows have arrived and the cuckoo's call can be heard. Everywhere seems full of possibilities and life...and best of all...the cricket season is upon us. Ah, bliss.

For those who attend to the Christian calendar May too is a full, busy and hopeful month. At Easter we celebrated the glorious light of Jesus' resurrection and now in May we journey with him as he meets his often shocked, surprised, sometimes doubtful, but in the end delighted disciples. There's an early morning breakfast on the beach. Food is eaten on several occasions (the resurrected Christ seems to have been quite hungry!) Mary Magdalen realises that he's not the gardener and becomes the primary witness to the resurrected Christ, Peter is forgiven and restored after his betrayal and desertion, Thomas' doubts are confronted and two disciples walking to Emmaus find themselves in the presence of a very special guest.

May is a very busy time: but there's even more to come. On May 14th the church remembers Ascension day (we do a 6:30 am service followed by breakfast for you early risers) the day that Christ moves from the local and particular to the global.

No longer confined to first century Palestine, he becomes available to all people, in all places and at all times. Anyone can get in touch with him and follow him. On the 24th May we celebrate the Church's birthday, the feast of Pentecost. Together we recall that the disciples were gathered together in the upper room when God's Spirit descended on them like a wind and like fire. This small group of unsure believers became energised and enthused with the story of God's love and Jesus' resurrection. They stormed out into the city and turned it upside down with their preaching, teaching and lifestyle. I like to think of the Spirit as the one that puts the "*snap crackle and pop*" into our faith lives. Finally, on the 31st we round off the month with Trinity Sunday. On this day we try to put into words our understanding and experience of God as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Although the word "Trinity" is never mentioned in the Bible, it is clear that the people of the New Testament felt God working in their lives and in the world in three quite distinct but unified ways. Down through the centuries Christians have tried to understand and verbalise this essential mystery of the Trinity, but in the end, like so much of faith, the best thing is to experience it and live it.

Emily Bronte wrote: "*May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.*" May we all find in this month our hopes, expectations and wishes brought to fulness by the Christ who is risen and ascended, the Spirit who brings life and energy and the Father who sustains and purposes all things.

**Rev. Tony Edmonds**



## **Letter from Bishop Andrew of Ramsbury**

### **The elusive hare**

One of the many blessings of the spring is the reappearance of that most mysterious of countryside creatures, the hare. Part of their appeal lies, I think, in elusiveness and movement: barrelling along a lane at night, ahead of us as we drive, or veering across the hillside. We were walking this weekend through an ocean of woodland bluebells, when Effie, our dog, startled a hare (almost the size of a muntjac) mere yards away and off it tore, confounding all attempts at pursuit. Always on the move, they are an Easter marvel.

I was reminded of the hare's dynamism when reading St Mark's account of the resurrection, which that evangelist conveys not as a fact to be proved, or puzzle to be solved, but as a mysterious kind of movement. "He has been raised; he is not here", declares the angel to the women at the tomb. "He is going ahead of you to Galilee". At which their first response, not unreasonably, is terrified flight, before doing as the angel bade them and relating this to the apostles.

Faith, in this light, is our pursuit of the Christ who goes before us. Rejoicing whenever we encounter him, walking his way and hoping earnestly to see him again.

**+Andrew Ramsbury.**

## A reflection for Easter Monday

The morning didn't end yesterday.  
It didn't stay in the garden,  
didn't settle at the empty tomb  
like something finished  
and ready to be remembered.

It moves.

Into streets  
and kitchens  
and conversations that don't yet know  
they're about to change.

We wake up again,  
same rooms,  
same routines,  
same lists waiting for us,  
and still  
something has shifted.

He is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Not just a moment,  
not just a day  
we mark and move on from,  
but a life  
that keeps breaking in.

The God who is alive  
doesn't stay where we left Him,  
doesn't belong only  
to Sunday morning light,  
but walks into Monday,  
into the ordinary,  
into the places  
we thought were untouched  
by resurrection.

And we might miss it  
if we're not paying attention.  
In the small turning of a heart,  
in the quiet lifting of hope,  
in the courage  
to begin again  
when nothing around us  
has changed yet.

This is how it continues.

Not always loud,  
not always obvious,  
but steady,  
like breath returning,  
like light finding its way  
through the edges of a day.

The God who is life  
is not finished.

Not with the world.

Not with us.

And so we carry it forward,  
not perfectly,  
not fully understanding,  
but alive to it,  
this resurrection  
that didn't end on Sunday,  
that keeps unfolding  
right here,  
right now,  
in us.

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## THE LEPROSY MISSION

Swanage Parish Statement of Accounts – 1st March 2025 - 28 February 2026:

Collecting Boxes £287.00 (£135.38 Gift Aided)

Donations £53.00 (£50 Gift Aided)

Coffee Morning £250.00

1st March

Revd Paul Baird

Special donations from £373.50

St Mary's, 5th Oct

TOTAL £963.50

My grateful thanks, once again, to all those of you who support the work of the Mission. Your collecting box contents, cheques or your direct payment to their Head Office do make a difference. Gabby North, Community Partnership Manager, visited St Mary's on 5th October resulting in the grand sum of £373.50 raised for Danja Hospital, Niger.

Gabby has arranged to talk to us again on 6th December 2026 at the 10.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's.

An extract from the latest edition of 'New Day' magazine –  
*"Leprosy is curable. A simple course of antibiotics can end the disease. But children are still being diagnosed too late. Poverty, lack of awareness and deep-rooted myths stop families from seeking help. By the time they do, leprosy has already begun its cruel work. Early diagnosis is everything. When we reach a child in time, we prevent nerves from being damaged, stop injury, protect eyesight and protect futures."*

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**Rosemary Carpenter, Hon Secretary, Swanage Parish TLM**



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## Belvedere Singers' Spring Concert

Fancy a walk in the woods or rebellion against the establishment? Well, you can experience this and more at the Belvedere Singers' spring concert at 7.30pm on 16th May at St Mary's church, Swanage. Flowers, trees and birds also feature in music by Saint-Saëns (Les Fleurs et Les Arbres) and Stanford (The Bluebird). Saint-Saëns, with the exception of a handful of very well-known works, is perhaps a rather neglected composer in this country, and his lesser-known Ave Maria, composed in 1914, is a subtle and beautiful work not to be missed.

Solos by Amy Jerman and Martha Harwood, both Purbeck Youth Music Ambassadors, and our endlessly talented choir accompanist Angus Murray-Brown, will round off an excellent evening of music proving that we all still possess the 'Rhythm of Life!'

This spring, the retiring collection is for Forest Holme Hospice. Clive Watkiss



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## Any Questions?

A Date for Your Diary

We next meet on Thursday 21st May when speaker and subject will be:

Professor Andrew Halestrap

**“Science and God – friends or foes?”**

Andrew is Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry at Bristol University, a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and recipient of the Keilin Medal of The Biological Society. He is passionate about helping people to see how Science is a friend and not an enemy of the Christian faith.

Venue: All Saints’ Church, Redcliffe Road, Swanage.  
Doors open at 6.30 pm coffee/tea. Presentation 7.00 pm.

**All welcome!**

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## Hebrew Word of the Month

There are seasons in life when circumstances feel unstable. Plans change unexpectedly, the future becomes uncertain, and people begin searching for something they can truly rely on. The Bible repeatedly points us to one unchanging truth: God is faithful.

One of the Hebrew words that expresses this reality is Ne'eman (נֶאֱמָן, neh-eh-MAHN). The word means faithful, trustworthy, dependable, reliable. It describes someone whose character can be trusted completely – someone who keeps their word and remains steady even when circumstances change.

Scripture uses this word to describe God Himself:

*“Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful (ne’eman) God who keeps covenant and lovingkindness with those who love Him.”— Deuteronomy 7:9*

This verse reminds us that faithfulness is not simply something God does occasionally. It reflects who He is. His promises are not temporary, and His character does not shift with circumstances.

When we come to the New Testament, we see this same faithfulness revealed through the life and ministry of Jesus. Throughout His ministry, He consistently demonstrated the reliability of God’s promises.

He fulfilled the Scriptures, remained obedient to the Father, and continued His mission even in the face of opposition and suffering. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus confirmed that God’s plan of redemption would not fail. What God promised, He fulfilled.

For believers today, the word Ne’eman carries deep reassurance. Human circumstances may change. Nations may experience uncertainty. The world itself may feel unstable. Yet the character of God remains the same.

He is faithful when we feel anxious.  
He is faithful when the future is unclear.  
He is faithful when our strength feels weak.

Even during times of war and uncertainty, this truth stands firm: God does not abandon His children. His faithfulness continues from generation to generation. Because of Jesus, we know that God’s promises are not fragile. They are anchored in His unchanging character. If uncertainty begins to weigh on your heart today, remember this word:

Ne’eman – The God Who Is Faithful.  
His promises stand.  
His presence remains.  
And His faithfulness never fails.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your faithfulness. When circumstances feel uncertain, remind me that You never change. Strengthen my trust in Your promises and help me rely on Your character each day. You are always faithful. Amen.

With love and blessings,

**Pastor Israel Pochtar**

*Pastor Israel is coming to Swanage for a conference to be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Saturday, June 13. Pastor Saleem Shalash, who is the Arab pastor of “Home of Jesus the King” church in Nazareth, will join him. The conference is titled “One New Man.” For details see page 30*

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## Song by City Alive on YouTube

Your will be done, my God and Father  
As in Heaven, so on Earth  
My heart is drawn to self-exalting  
Help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk  
Held by Your same unchanging love  
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and  
pray  
"Father, not my will but Yours be  
done"

How in that Garden He persisted  
I may never fully know  
The fearful weight of true obedience  
It was held by Him alone

What wondrous faith to bear that  
cross  
To bear my sin, what wondrous love  
My hope was sure, when there my  
Saviour prayed  
"Father, not my will but Yours be  
done"

When I am lost, when I am broken  
In the night of fear and doubt  
Still, I will trust in my good Father  
Yes, to one great King I bow

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise  
In ransomed glory at the throne  
My heart restored  
With all Your saints, I sing  
"Father, not my will but Yours be done"

As we go forth, our God and Father  
Lead us daily in the fight  
That all the world might see Your glory  
And Your Name be lifted high

And in this Name we overcome  
For You shall see us safely home  
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and  
pray  
"Father, not my will but Yours be done"

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