

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

7TH MAY 2017

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings

First reading; Acts ch 2 v. 42—end
Second Reading; 1 Peter ch2 v 19-end
Gospel; John ch. 14 v 15-21
one God, now and for ever.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resur-
rection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

We welcome to our service this
morning the Bishop of Grantham,
the Rt Rev. Nicholas Chamberlain.
We pray that our worship together
may prove a blessing for all who take
part.

Please pray for;

- **the sick;** Dan Bishop, Fred Bowskill, Elizabeth Graham, Pam Goodman, Joy Gray, Joan Hill, Peggy Jefferson, David Lapham, Lynn Oldham, Claire O'Neil, Stuart Rose, David Ross, Belinda Smith, Michael Vaughan

Years mind

- 7 Reuben Hollingsworth,
Eileen Johnson
- 9 Dave Cooper
- 13 Norman Matthews
- The work of the Red Cross around the world (All week)
- Those called to a spiritual life (Julian of Norwich 8th)
- Those suffering from mental health problems (awareness week)
- The end to world poverty and the promotion of social justice (World Fair Trade day 13th)
- The work of our local and county councillors.

Upcoming events ;

May

9th	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
10th	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall
11th	Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	church
			(Including a visit by year 1 who are learning about this topic)	
14th	Sunday	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church
15th	Monday	7.pm	CAMEO	church hall

Julian of Norwich lived in the late 14th century and is the first woman writer in English, describing the visions she received from God and the meaning of these revelations. She became an anchoress, sealed in a cottage adjoining a church in the centre of Norwich. Although she was a recluse spending most of her time in prayer and contemplation, she did have contact with the outside world, probably through a high window, where she could talk to, but not be seen by those who came to her for spiritual help and advice.

Julian saw her recovery from near fatal illness as enabling her to devote herself to the glory of God, she received a vision of Christ's Passion which she was able to share with others, and her contemplations allowed her to see the spirituality of the world around her in a new way. Instead of seeing God in terms of sin and judgement, her experience of God reflected love, and joy and the liberation of the resurrection.

Julian sees God as respectful of us, patient with our failings and considerate of our freedom. How can we not love so solicitous a God? He is so full of grace

that he can bring good out of all things and *'all will be well'*.

For Julian this leads to the gift of joy—God took on human form and died for us. We can therefore *'wake up to the beauty and love that oozes out of every moment in all of creation.'*

**Notes from
'All Will be Well' Ave Maria Press**

Progress (or lack of it) to Reykjavik!
1/3 of the year gone, but only 230 miles done. Hopefully better weather, and willpower will help me to catch up!

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