

Christ Church, Dalbeattie & St. Ninian's Castle, Douglas
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Easter 5, Rogation Sunday, 22nd May, 2022

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Dear friends in Christ,



This Sunday is Rogation Sunday. Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it: "Rogation

Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry." Since mediaeval times there has been a tradition of "beating the bounds" of the parish, praying for God's blessing upon the crops and thus the well-being of that particular settlement. It is still observed by some parishes today - with a procession, prayers and a sharing of hope in God's goodness to nourish every endeavour which enables people to flourish.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (the fifth Sunday after Easter Sunday) is traditionally known as "Rogation Sunday" in the Church of England's calendar of festivals. This is because the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the following week are known as the "Rogation Days," days for fasting and prayer. The Thursday of that week is the feast of the Ascension, which comes on a

Thursday, the 40th day after Easter (when Easter Sunday is counted as the 1st day).

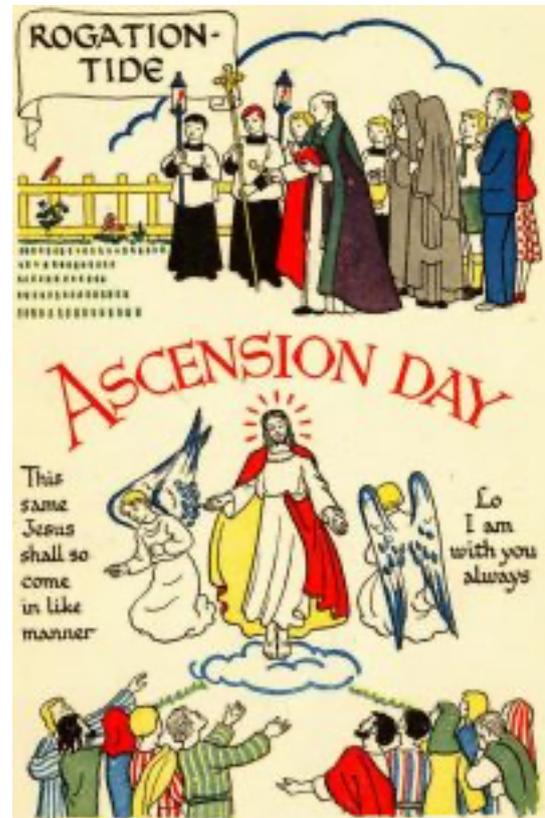
Our Region will be celebrating The Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday 6pm, at St. Margaret's, New Galloway (all are welcome) and the Rev John McHale will be preaching. We will celebrate the Ascension on Sunday 29th May at St.Ninian's as I am leading our Charges' Retreat at Alnmouth Friary this week.

Can I thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes this week. My operation went well and life continues, but with less wisdom and hopefully no more infection!

Yours in Christ

Christopher

Rector





An introduction to SoulCollage® which is something I've been involved with for many years. It is a gently transformative process which engages imagination, spirituality (whatever that means to someone) and intuition. The result is the beginnings of a 'deck' of cards with deep personal meaning that can help you discover your own inner wisdom and aid life choices. It's also fun!

The workshop will run from **10.30 to 3.30 Tuesday 31st May** (bring packed lunch) and costs £30. All materials provided. Limited amount of places available.

More info from me at klaraplumtree@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

May

- 22 Easter 5 Family Eucharist at Christ Church, Dalbeattie
- 23-27 Joint Charge Retreat to Alnmouth
- 26 6pm Ascension Eucharist at St. Margaret's
New Galloway
- 29 Ascension Sunday, 11 am St. Ninian's Castle Douglas
- 31st Soul Collage at Gordon Memorial Hall

June

- 1st Joint Vestry meeting at Christ Church, Dalbeattie
- 3rd to 6th Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend
- 5th Pentecost Sunday (PLEASE NOTE SERVICE TIMES)
9.30 Family Eucharist at St. Ninian's
11.00 Family Eucharist at Christ Church
- 8th Christ Church Vestry
- 9th St. Ninian's Vestry
- 12th Trinity Sunday Family Eucharist at St. Ninian's