

Dear Friends

We welcome back the Rev'd Dr Nick Fisher as our locum for the next two weeks. Fr Robert is presiding at Cadenabbia this Sunday and next. Fr Robert will then return to Milan for our services on May 19 (Pentecost) and 26, and Fr Nick is back with us throughout June. Vickie Sims will be leading the Church of Ascension services on May 19 and 26.

We have a preferred candidate to be our new priest. The process now involves background checks and a visit, followed by an announcement being made at our Church, and at the same time the church from whence he or she will depart. Until that announcement, the candidate's identity remains confidential. So please do not ask!



Our five new communicants last Sunday – congratulations to Ella, Armand, Jack, Lucy and Elise.

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The Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held on Saturday 11 May between 10.00 and 17.00. Please spread the news amongst friends and colleagues. There will be a refreshment stall and a jewellery stall. Set-up will begin from Tuesday 7 May. A rota of people will staff the door on the Saturday.

We are looking for people to **contribute to refreshments** – anything sweet or savoury which does not require a fork. These need to be taken to the church on Friday 10 May or Saturday morning. If you can help organising refreshments or the door rota, please contact Daniella.



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Why we read Acts during Eastertide

Eastertide is the period of 50 days from Easter Sunday, the day of the Resurrection, until Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descends upon Mary and the Apostles.

During this time, our first reading in church on Sundays is from the New Testament Book of Acts, rather than the Old Testament. This tradition began long ago, in the time of Cyril of Jerusalem, in the 4th century A.D. The reason is to look forward from the resurrection to the birth of the Church, usually associated with Pentecost.

Feast day of St Philip the Apostle and St James the Less

These two saints share a feast day on 1 May, in the Anglican Church. Why share the day? Because their relics were brought to Rome on the same day, in May 560 A.D., and both are interned in what is now known as the Church of the Twelve (or Holy) Apostles.

Philip was from Bethsaida, the same village as Peter and Andrew. He was famously asked by Nathaniel, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?", and responded "come and see".

After Pentecost, the Apostle James the Less became the first bishop of the Church in Jerusalem, overseeing the First Council of Jerusalem and declaring the final judgment when faced with the question of whether Gentiles need to be circumcised and keep the Laws of Moses, Saint James declared "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

Pastoral care

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone (0039) 345 5835978 (Church mobile), (0039) 026 552258 (Priest's apartment), or email allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com

Links to our regular and other activities

ETM is staging a production of The Tempest at our church on Saturday 4 May at 8pm. More information is [here](#), and bookings can made through email [here](#).

Join the first Sunday of the month **pizza lunch** after church on Sunday. Sign up at the back of the church. There are alternatives to pizza. Come and enjoy good food and companionship.

Sunday evening prayer at 18.00 is [here](#). **Morning prayer** is at 9.00 with the link [here](#). Bible study in person is on Thursday 2 May, led by Massimo at 12:30 for a start at 13.00. Bible study by Zoom is on Tuesdays at 18.00, hosted by Fr Robert using the link found [here](#). All are welcome to both events.

The **Jolly Club** meets on Tuesday from 12.30 onward, in the church rooms.