

Parish Notes and News

YOU ARE INVITED!

PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6th May 2025 at 7.30 pm in Church

We will elect 2 churchwardens, 3 PCC members and 2 Deanery Synod representatives. Nomination forms are available in Church or from the Parish Office.

Copies of the agenda, annual reports and accounts will be available to collect in church on Sunday, 4th May.



**27 April
Second Sunday of
Easter**

Interest bags for pre-school children are available

10.30am Parish Eucharist Modern Language

Celebrant &

Preacher

Acts 5.27-32

John 20.19-31

Intercessions

Rev'd Pat Willson

Ann Cadwallader

Clergy

Sarah Chadd

Hymns - Common Praise

Entrance Hymn 148 Jesus Lives

Gradual 153 Now the green blade riseth

Offertory 150 Love's redeeming work is done

Communion Like a candle flame

Post Communion 159 The strife is o'er

*Refreshments are served after the morning service
and the church shop will be open.*

We have toilet facilities in church, please just ask!

PCC meeting to approve accounts (St Thomas' Chapel)

6.30pm Evensong

Officiant &

Preacher

Isaiah 53.1-6

Luke 24.13-35

Kate Brown

Robyn Firth

Cole Coenen

Entry

Introit

162 Ye choirs of New Jerusalem

O Come ye servants of the Lord
(Tye)

Responses

Psalm

Office Hymn

Magnificat

Nunc Dimittis

Anthem

Hymn

Sanders

122

159 (tune 145) The strife is o'er

Chant 127

Chant 342

The Halleluiahs Chorus

150 Love's redeeming work is done

No collections are taken in church during services. There is a collection bowl at the back of church and a 'donation station' for cards.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope or select this option when giving by card. This increases the value of your gift by 25%.

Churchwardens: Jean Hill and Valerie Fairbanks

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(Sunday to Wednesday)

Parish Office

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COMING SOON!
FLOWER PARADE - SATURDAY, 10th MAY
Please sign up to help!

Flower Arrangers

Friday, 9th May 9.30am onwards

We will be decorating the church for the Flower Parade weekend.

Donations towards the cost of flowers welcome.

Jill Gorton has an electric hoist lift that fits in a car for loading/unloading a mobility scooter, that she is looking to sell/give away. She can be contacted on 01775 761731 for more information.

The Week Ahead

Morning and Evening Prayer is said from Monday to Friday at 8.30am and 5.00pm in St Thomas' Chapel.

Wednesday 30 April

3.30pm-6.00pm Choir Club

7.00 - 8.30pm Ringing practice

Thursday 1 May

12 noon Funeral - Angela Wilson

Friday 2 May

2.30pm Church cleaning

7.00-8.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 4 May

Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am Parish Eucharist Traditional Language

Readings Acts 9.1-20

John 21.1-19

6.30pm Evensong

Readings Isaiah 38.9-20

John 11.27-44

Please take this notice sheet home with you.

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 5.27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and

said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For your prayers

We hold before God all those who are ill,
amongst them **Jennie Manning, Maureen
Gladden, Michael Blackshaw, Susan Lawton
and Janet Eley.**

We hold before God those who have died,
amongst them **Sue Slater, Angela Wilson,
Peter Haslehurst and Alfred Barnes.**

Psalms 122

1. I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5. For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.
6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.
9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.