

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY)

Sunday 17th May 2026

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

We are very grateful that the leaflets today have been generously sponsored

Remembering with love, Trevor Higton, today would have been your 68th Birthday.

Judi; Jo, Jim and Rosie; Tim, Karen, Freya and Albie xxx

Welcome to our celebration on this Seventh Sunday of Easter

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

The First Reading: Frances Hancock

The Second Reading: Michael Pioli

Intercessions: Andy Leese

Setting: Pulborough Mass

Ministers of Communion: Susie Hindman and Graham Allfrey

To keep our church **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a weekly financial challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving Scheme**, our Treasurer is assured of a regular income, even when you are **unable to attend church**. Please consider using the PGS, details can be found at the back of the church. Cash is always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope.



We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.

Thank you so much for supporting our church's ministry and mission

In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you

Refreshments are served after the service.

*Introductory organ music: Chorale Prelude on
"Come O creator Spirit blest – J.S.Bach.*

Please stand when the bell is rung

Entrance Hymn: NEH 338 (Tune Camberwell)
Caroline Noel 1817-77

- 1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word:**

- 2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders
in their great array.**

- 3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it,
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.**

- 4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
he is God the Saviour
He is Christ the Lord
ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

6 Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with the Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Fr Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people
to make an act of penitence*

The Prayers of Penitence

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the Highest, and
peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect for the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen**

Please si

The First Reading: Acts 1. 6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and

Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading; 1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5.6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 394
George Herbert (1593-1633)

1 Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

2 Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

The Gospel Reading: John 17. 1-11

The Alleluia is sung by the choir and then repeated by the congregation



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, was incarnate from
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Intercessions

The following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us

The Intercessions conclude with the following

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Fr Paul introduces the Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



*At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.*

The Offertory Hymn: NEH 352
Matthew Bridges 1800-94

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of peace
whose power a sceptre sways;
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

**5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres
ineffably sublime:
glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves,
reflect his throne – the Infinite!
who live – and loves – and saves.**

Pray my dear brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer over the gifts is said

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Fr Paul continues with the prayer

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Fr Paul continues until the following is used:

Great is the mystery of faith,
**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**



Fr Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be
yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



The Giving of Communion

Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

Please wait to be directed to communion.

**Choir Anthem: Ascendit Deus
Samuel Webbe**

Post Communion Hymn: NEH 386 (Tune 385)
Anonymous Latin, c. 12th Century,
Tranlated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

- 1 O Jesu, King most wonderful,
thou Conqueror renowned,
thou sweetness most ineffable,
in whom all joys are found!**

- 2 When once thou visitest the heart,
then truth begins to shine;
then earthly vanities depart;
then kindles love divine.**

- 3 O Jesus, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of life and fire,
surpassing all the joys we know,
and all we can desire:**

- 4 May every heart confess thy name,
and ever thee adore;
and, seeking thee, itself inflame
to seek thee more and more.**

- 5 Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
thee may we love alone;
and ever in our lives express
the image of thine own.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to
be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices and Banns of Marriage are given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

**Recessional Hymn: Thy Kingdom Come (Tune 186)
Neil Hamilton Thompson, Chris Russell, Emma Buchan,
Harvey Jessop Music: Woodlands (Walter Greatorex)**

- 1 Thy Kingdom Come –
Lord teach us how to pray
For all to know your joy, your peace and love
And know your friendship each and every day
The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove**

- 2 Thy Kingdom Come –
Christ's prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: 'thy will be done'**

- 3 Thy Kingdom Come –
we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise**
- 4 Thy Kingdom come -
Transform our human ways;
Our lives laid down in mercy truth and care.
Nations renewed in giving thanks and praise
To see God’s kingdom come, this is our claim,
(last line of music repeated)
by Jesus’ risen life, God’s victory**

Final Organ music: – “Tuba Tune” – C.S.Lang.

For your prayers this week

We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally,
Archbishop of Canterbury. We also pray for Martin, our Bishop as he
prepares for his retirement.*

*In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

***In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:**
Retired clergy and their spouse/partner. Also, for clergy widows and
widowers.*

*We pray for the work of SPLASH in their work with young people
across the Deanery.*

We pray for our nation and government:

For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP

We pray for peace and an end to the conflict in the Middle East,
praying especially for all world leaders and those who advise them.

We pray for the work of Education West Africa, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.

We continue to pray for the work of FSW across the Diocese.

We pray for our local Care Homes: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor

Those who are now in need of healing:

Patrick Carr, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Jim Crowley, Charlie Goldsmith, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Don Hubert, Kelvin Tatum, John Raynard, Maud and James

Those who are in need of on-going prayer:

Rachel Webbe, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim

Pray to rest in peace:

Helen Leeke and Alan Robinson

Anniversary of death: Ted Silvester and Martin Barnes

Village Prayers: Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live or work in Stane Street (from the railway bridge northwards) Sopers Cottage, Stane Street Close, Riverside, Harwood Close, Bridge Close, Masons Way, Codmore Hill Oddstones, Sinclair Drive and Corden Place

FUNERAL OF HELEN LEEKE R.I.P.

We are sad to say that Helen Leeke, a member of our congregation has died at the age of 96. Her funeral will be on this **Thursday 21st May at 11.30am**. If you are able to support the family, please do come to the funeral.

'May she rest in peace and rise in glory'

OUR NEW CHURCHWARDENS

Following the Annual Church Meeting last Sunday we are pleased to say that Linda Caldwell and Charlotte Kenyon have been elected to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year. In the near future, the Archdeacon of Chichester will be holding a Swearing-in for churchwardens when they will officially be admitted to Office. In the meantime, Ann legally continues to be our churchwarden.

PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY 6pm SONGS OF FAITH AND PRAISE

Please come and, if possible bring a neighbour or a friend and join our sisters and brothers from the URC and Baptist Church as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday with hymns and songs. Refreshments served at the end of the service. If you are able to bring **just a plate of sweet or savoury nibbles** it would be so helpful

HELP NEEDED.....

We are currently needing more people to help with picking up and dropping off on Sunday mornings. Please contact **Susie 07909981888** if you would be able to help with this, and make sure that all of our church family can join us on a Sunday.

LOCAL GARDEN OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – TODAY

Meadow Farm in Blackgate Lane, Pulborough from 1.30pm-5.30pm
A 2 acre garden with wild flower meadows, pleached hornbeam avenue with views of the Sussex countryside and many more interesting features. Admission £7 children free. Home made teas

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 18th: *Feria of Easter*

10am – 12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library

3.15pm to 4.30pm Kingfishers at St. Mary's School

7.30pm Tower Bellringing Practice

Tuesday 19th: St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 988

9.30am Morning Prayer

7pm PCC Meeting in Church

Wednesday 20th: St Alcuin of York, Teacher 804

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

7pm St Mary's School Governors meeting

Thursday 21st: *Feria of Easter*

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Funeral of Helen Leeke R.I.P.

Friday 22nd: *Feria of Easter*

12noon The Holy Eucharist

Saturday 23rd: *Feria of Easter*

9am to 12noon Pulborough Village Market

Sunday 24th: PENTECOST SUNDAY

8am The Holy Eucharist (said in the chapel)

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Acts 2. 1-21, 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13, John 20. 19-23

6pm 'Songs of faith and praise – an Ecumenical Celebration

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE TO SPARE TO HELP PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT?

This service is for people who live in the Pulborough area who are unable to use public transport and need to get to a **PRE-ARRANGED** medical appointment e.g. doctor, hospital, dentist, physiotherapist, or optician.

Volunteers use their own cars for which the user pays a charge to cover return petrol expenses.

For more information please contact: **Christine Lindsay (PCT coordinator) on 07591258409**

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET

The May market will be this **Saturday from 9am to 12noon** in Pulborough Village Hall.

St Mary's Church will have their stall selling home-made quiches, cheesy biscuits, local honey and more.

Alyson Heath will also have a stall selling jigsaw puzzles with all funds going to Family Support Work.

The market has an excellent café to help get your day off to a good start. Hope to see you there!

Pulborough Garden Society will also have their Annual Plant Sale at the market, so a great opportunity to buy plants for your summer garden.



CHRISTIAN AID

Everyone attending church two weeks ago, received an envelope for Christian Aid donations. There are spare CA envelopes at the back of the church. If you are able to give a donation this would be so helpful to

make our overall sum, **a very worthwhile donation this year.**

Thank you all who made cakes or came to our open day at the church yesterday. We will let you have the total raised next Sunday.

Many thanks for your support,