

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH

If you love Me, you will  
keep My commandments.

-John 14:15-



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

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

**Happy 18th Birthday to Joshua Pullen  
Love Grandma and Grandad**

## Welcome to our celebration on this Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Paul  
Organist: Tony Hancock  
The First Reading: Austen Hindman  
The Second Reading: Andy Heath  
Intercessions: Bren Starnes  
Setting: Pulborough Mass  
Ministers of Communion: Graham Allfrey and Tony Holloway

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. We have our Annual Church Meetings following the service at 11.45am. Please collect your refreshments and take a seat ready for a prompt start to the meetings. Thank you.***

*Introductory organ music: Courante” and “Ballet”  
from the Courtly Dances – Tylman Susato.*

*Please stand when the bell is rung*

**Entrance Hymn: NEH 105  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tune)**

***Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani***

**Wipo of Burgundy (attributed), Anonymous German, Catherine  
Winkworth (1827-1878)**

**1 Christ the Lord is risen again,  
Christ hath broken every chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
singing evermore on high, *Alleluia.***

**2 He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;  
we too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia.***

**3 He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the Cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: *Alleluia.***

**4 He whose path no records tell,  
who descended into hell,  
who the strong man armed hath bound,  
now in highest heaven is crowned. *Alleluia.***

**5 Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiven  
how we too may enter heaven. *Alleluia.***

**6      Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today thy people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
that we all may sing for ay                      *Alleluia.***

**✠ 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**

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please sit*

## **The First Reading: Acts 17. 22-31**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.”

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## The Second Reading; 1 Peter 3. 13-end

*A reading from the first letter of Peter*

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 370 (Tune 456)  
William W Reid (Junior) (born 1923)

- 1 Help us, O Lord, to learn  
the truths thy word imparts,  
to study that thy laws may be  
inscribed upon our hearts.
- 2 Help us, O Lord, to live  
the faith which we proclaim,  
that all our thoughts and words and deeds  
may glorify thy name.
- 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach  
the beauty of thy ways,  
that all who seek may find the Christ  
and sing aloud his praise.

The Gospel Reading: John 14. 15-21

*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 said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor

knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 103  
Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)**

**1 Alleluia, Alleluia!  
hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the Cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**

**2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.**

**3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with thee.**

**4 Alleluia, Alleluia,  
glory be to God on high;  
to the Father and the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
to the Triune Majesty.**

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: **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: If ye love me  
Thomas Tallis***

***Post Communion Hymn: NEH 464  
George W Doane (1799–1859)***

- 1     Thou art the Way: by thee alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
and he who would the Father seek  
must seek him, Lord, by thee.**
  
- 2     Thou art the Truth: thy word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
thou only canst inform the mind  
and purify the heart.**
  
- 3     Thou art the Life: the rending tomb  
proclaims thy conquering arm;  
and those who put their trust in thee  
nor death nor hell shall harm.**

**4      Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:  
grant us that Way to know,  
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 NEH 120

Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle  
(1875-1939)

1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy  
deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Refrain*

*Final Organ music: –“Finale” from the Courtly Dances –  
Tylman Susato.*

## THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCMs)

**Today at 11. 45am in church.** At these meetings there will be the election of churchwardens and members to the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod

Please have your copies of the **Trustees report and accounts for 2025** for reference.

**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 Church of Pakistan (United)*

*In our **Diocesan cycle of prayer** we pray for:  
General Synod Representatives*

*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 all those who have been elected to local councils, especially our new West Sussex County Councillor.*

*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:** *Elizabeth Touche, Peggy Williams, Ron Jones*

**Village Prayers:** *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live or work in Cray Lane, Blackgate Lane, Stall House Lane and The Toat, North Heath and Gay Street areas*

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**This Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: ASCENSION DAY**  
**7.30pm Sung Eucharist**

One of the most important days in our Church calendar. Do please join us for this most special evening service.



### **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 **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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'*

### **Church and Liturgical Diary**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>:** *Feria of Easter*

10am – 12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library  
3.15pm to 4.30pm Kingfishers at St. Mary's School  
7pm St. Mary's Book Group meet at 86 Glebelands  
7.30pm Tower Bellringing Practice

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>:** *St Pancras Martyr*

9.30am Morning Prayer  
10.30am to 12noon Tower bell ringing practice with Bill Avenall  
7pm St Mary's Prayer Support Group meet at The Hermitage

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>: Feria of Easter**

9.45am Morning Prayer

**10.15 am The Service of the Word with Holy Communion**

11.15am The Service of the Word with Holy Communion at  
The Anchorage

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>: THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

9.30am Morning Prayer

**7.30pm THE SUNG EUCHARIST**

*Readings: Acts 1. 1-11, Ephesians 1. 15-end and Luke 24. 44-53*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: Feria of Easter**

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>: Feria of Easter**

**10am to 4pm CHURCH OPEN FOR CHRISTIAN AID EVENT**

1.30pm to 2.30pm Visiting Ringers from Crondall to the Tower

8.20pm Bat and Moth Evening with Christine Lindsay

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,  
(After Ascension Day)**

**8am The Holy Eucharist – (said in the chapel)**

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

*Readings: Acts 1. 6-14, 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5. 6-11, John 17.1-11*

## **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**



## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May**

This year we are hoping to have the church open **on this Saturday from 11am to 4pm and serving cream teas and a cake sale in aid of Christian**

**Aid.** With so much unrest in many parts of the world, the funds raised by Christian Aid are so desperately needed. Please help us to make this fund-raising day a well-worth effort, by baking a cake, biscuits or savouries for sale. We will also need help on the day serving refreshments. Please look at the list at the back of the church if you can help.

Last Sunday everyone 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.** Many thanks for your support,

### **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 – next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **Date for your diary.....**

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

6pm Ecumenical 'Songs of Praise' A special evening service with members from all the churches in Pulborough.

## ST MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB – April Draw

The April draw for the St Mary's Bells 100 Club was made on Monday 4th May at the Chequers Hotel, Pulborough and the results were as follows:

- 1st Prize: £100 - number - 58 - Liz Madew
- 2nd Prize: £50 - number - 92 - Mrs D Sherlock-Fuidge
- 3rd Prize: £10 - number - 66 - Mr A Gunning
- 4th Prize £10 - number - 80 - Mrs C Wells
- 5th Prize: £10 - number - 4 - Mrs A Kaiser
- 6th Prize: £10 - number - 8 - Mr & Mrs L Adsett
- 7th Prize: £10 - number - 85 - Mrs L Stuart-Mubokie

The May draw will take place on Monday 1st June at 9.30 p.m. at Chequers Hotel, Pulborough.

**Ian Cockburn- Treasurer**

### Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne  
for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and  
brother, may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
Amen

