

Easter 7, 17th May, 2026



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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Sunday 17th May, 9.30am Sunday Eucharist

Tuesday 12th May, 11am Communion in Church

Please note there will be no Evensong the 7th June.

Hymns

Procession	136 Alleluia, Alleluia
Gradual	166 Crown Him with many crowns
Offertory	172 The Head that once was crowned
Communion	308 Just as I am
Anthem	Come down O love divine - Harris
Recessional	163 All hail the power of Jesus name

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Mark, Nina Beetson, Sarina, Gill Foster, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, David Wilson, and Lee.
We pray for those who have recently died known to us remembering Margaret Coombs, Alan Palmer and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time remembering especially Eileen Mitchell. May they rest in peace.

- Spiritual Growth Group.

The Spiritual Growth Group will meet on Tuesday 19th May at 7 pm at 4 Yorke Close and each fortnight until 14th July. Look forward in seeing you Yvonne and Pete. and each fortnight until 14th July,

Re-Ordering Preparations:-

Over the next 3 weeks we will be removing everything out of Church and finding homes to store as much as possible until after all work has been completed. To help reduce this we will temporarily stop both the Food Bank collection and Raffle boxes. HOWEVER if you would like to donate to the Food Bank please speak to Julie, likewise any items you would like to donate for raffle prizes for use over the year, please speak to Jane, Julia, Jean, Jan or member of the Events team. Please do not leave items in Church during the re-ordering process this needs to remain clear. If you are able to help pack and clear the Church please talk to Colin.
Thank You Churchwardens

Fete

Thank you for all those who worked so hard putting up and taking down tents, making cakes, selling goodies making teas, cooking burgers etc at the Summer Fete. Weather was kind and we raised £1100.00.

Auction of Promises 27th June in the Gladston

We are still asking for Promises. Soon a list will be available, and we will be accepting sealed bids if you are unable to join us on the night.

"Date for your diary"

Gardeners Tea, Thursday 9th July at Jean's, 3 Wellingborough Road. Tickets available later."
Thanks, Jean

Sponsored Lights

Paul and Carole Mitchell

In memory of Eileen Mitchell on 10th anniversary of her death on May 22nd, 201

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Collect:- Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

First Reading from the book of Ezekiel

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

Congregational response to Psalm 68: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

R

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him!

R

Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.

R

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, The earth shook and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

R

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary. Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

R Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

R

Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies. How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessèd be God!

R

Second reading is from 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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John.

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.'

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**