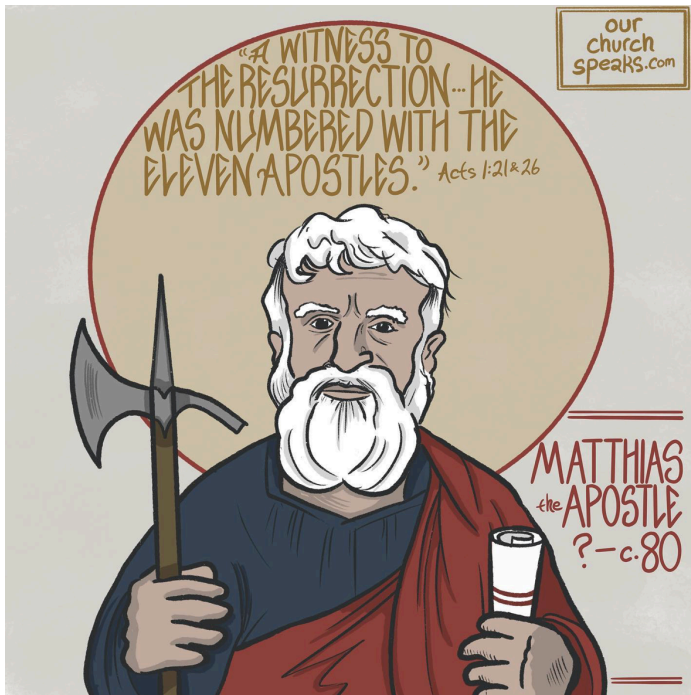


ST PETER & ST JOHN WEEKLY NOTICES

The Church in the Heart of the Community of Kirkley

Sunday 18 May - Saturday 24 May 2025



WELCOME!

Come, celebrate the freedom found in Jesus.

We're an Inclusive Church, open and welcome to all.

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

We welcome you to come, open to all.

Revd Helen is on leave from Sat 19 to Fri 23 May
and Sat 31 May – Mon 2 June

Sunday 18th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist, John Overton on the organ bench

12:00 noon APCM (Annual Church Meeting)

Monday 19th May: Dunstan, archbishop, 988

9:30am – 1:00pm Pantry deliveries – please visit the team

Tuesday 20th May: Alcuin, abbot, 804

Kirkley Pantry open 10:00 – 12:30 and 5:00 – 6:00pm

Visitors to the Pantry by invitation only, please

Wednesday 21st May: St Matthias the Apostle

9:30 Holy Communion

10:30am – 1:00pm PJs Lunch Club – Hall

7:30pm Compline

Friday 23rd May: 4:00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 24th May: John & Charles Wesley, 1791

10:00am – 5:00pm Flower Festival

Refreshments & light lunches available 11am – 4pm

7:00pm Organ Recital: David Ballard (tickets £7.50)

Sunday 25th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist, John Overton on the organ bench

12:00 – 5:00pm Flower Festival

Refreshments 12pm – 4pm

Monday 26th May

10:00 – 5:00pm Flower Festival

Refreshments & light lunches available 11am – 4pm



Young people aged 18-35 are invited to join a group travelling from the Diocese of Norwich, 19-28 July 2025, for a truly unique experience of community, worship and prayer with Taizé.

The Taizé Community is a Christian monastic community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France.

If you know a young person who would enjoy and benefit from this opportunity, please do share this with them!



"I loved the simplicity of the day and the space to be."

"I feel more confident in making new friends and I am going home to look for opportunities to serve."

"I didn't need to worry about what anyone else thought of me."

Young adults from many different backgrounds and denominations travel to Taizé for a unique Christian experience of openness, solidarity and encounter.

Bishop Graham said: "A pilgrim is someone who leaves the comfort of home to travel beyond familiar boundaries, to cross into new landscapes and places, and to step out into the unknown on an adventure with God. That's my invitation to you - to experience something new in your journey with Jesus in the rhythm of prayer and a simple life at Taizé."

For 2025, the prices are as follows:

- Students and those out of work - £165.00
- Church workers - £275.00
- Those in full-time employment - £330.00

Bursaries available for those who need additional support

Being at Taizé is an experience rather than a 'talk'. This means it is accessible to those who do not think of themselves as being religious, as well as those of other faiths. Each day in the community includes services, biblical reflections, small international discussion groups, practical activities, and prayer with the whole community. As well as this, it offers a safe way for young people to experience a wide range of languages and cultures.

**To sign up, please email: taize.pilgrimage@dioceseofnorwich.org.
Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

FROM THE RECTOR

Public Witness

How open are you about your faith? Do you keep quiet during, or even walk away from, conversations about faith or religion? Do we still regard the topic as taboo in the public arena? Where did your faith journey begin? What is important about it in your life now? How can you share that with others? Would you join a public act of worship?

Five years ago, while the church buildings were closed, here in Kirkley we celebrated the Eucharist in the Rectory Garden most Sundays (weather permitting!) People walking by were fascinated, and they were respectful. Many joined us online from all over the UK and beyond. Online services are also acts of public worship.

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit empowering us to spread the gospel. What better way to celebrate it than outdoors in a public space. We will hold our usual 10:30 Pentecost Eucharist in St Peter & St John, and in the afternoon, Christians together in Lowestoft will hold a “bold, open-air act of worship” in Kensington Gardens.

See you there!

Blessings, Helen

Pentecost Celebration

Join with Christians
from across the area
in a bold open-air act
of worship:



Sunday 8 June 2025 3.00pm
@ Kensington Gardens



- Exuberant worship
- Party feel
- Salvation Army Band
- Bible & preaching
- Prayer & praise
- Craft activities
- Light refreshments
- No charge
- Everyone welcome

This is a Christians Together in Lowestoft & District event

For more details contact:

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SCRIPTURE

"A witness to the resurrection...
he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

(Acts 1:21,26)

Biography by @ourchurchspeaks : Art & history by Rev. Ben Lansing

Matthias the Apostle (?-c.80)

'Matthias was a disciple of Jesus through the entirety of the Lord's earthly ministry, from the time of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan river. He served Jesus through the Lord's teachings and miracles, the selection of the first twelve Apostles, the crucifixion of Christ, the resurrection and ascension. All the while, Matthias operated in the background, never mentioned by name by any of the Gospels. The book of Acts records that after Jesus' ascension, the Apostles were inspired by Psalm 106 ("Let another take his office") to seek a replacement for the deceased false Apostle, Judas Iscariot. The Apostle Peter recommended that two disciples be nominated who had served Jesus from the beginning. Matthias was nominated, along with a fellow disciple, Barsabbas. After praying and casting lots, Matthias was chosen as the successor to the office of the 12th Apostle. Nothing more is recorded about Matthias in Scripture. Ancient church traditions say that Matthias traveled widely, spreading the good news of Jesus in far off places like Ethiopia and the Caspian sea region. Another tradition says that he was stoned in Jerusalem and beheaded. For this reason, he is often depicted in art victoriously holding the ax that severed his head and reunited him with his Savior. Until 1970, Matthias' feast day was observed in Western Christianity on February 24. Today, he is also commemorated on May 14 to better align with Ascension, Pentecost and other liturgical observances associated with Acts chapter 1.'

ST PETER & ST JOHN'S SPRING BANK HOLIDAY FLOWER FESTIVAL

24th – 26th May 2025
at St Peter & St John, Kirkley

Organ Recital
Saturday 24th May 7:00pm



Open:
Saturday & Monday
10:00 – 5:00
Sunday 12:00 – 5:00

Refreshments:
tea/coffee/wine
homemade cakes
light lunches

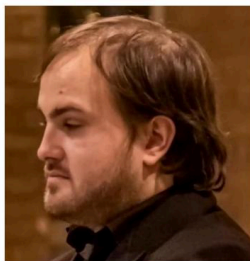
Raffle
Organ Concert Tickets
£7.50
including glass of wine

In aid of church building repairs



St Peter & St John's Church
Kirkley

Organ Recital



Organist: **David Ballard**

Saturday 24th May 7pm

Tickets £7.50 including glass of wine

From Donna Page 07961634478 or

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