

The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One for other news and notices)*

Sunday 10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter



Today's Services

8am	St Mary's	BCP Holy Communion
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11am	St Mary's	All-age worship

Collect

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.

Lectionary Readings

Acts 17.22–31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,
'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in
every way. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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.
²⁶ 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,
²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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."
²⁹ 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. ³⁰ While
God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now
he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹

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.'

Psalm 66.7–end

- 7 Bless our God, O you peoples; •
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
8 Who holds our souls in life •
and suffers not our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; •
you have tried us as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; •
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads; •
we went through fire and water; •
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows, •
which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams; •
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, •
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
15 I called out to him with my mouth •
and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had nursed evil in my heart, •
the Lord would not have heard me,
17 But in truth God has heard me; •
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, •
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

1 Peter 3.13–end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is
good? ¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for
doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to
suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ 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,¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,²⁰ 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.²¹ 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,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading

John 14.15–21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.¹⁷ 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.¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.²¹ 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.’

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This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Field View Lane & Cornflower Way.
- Those who read and lead prayers in the churches.
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.



In Church next week

Thursday 14th May Ascension Day

8am St Mary's Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30 St Paul's Holy Communion

11.00 Holy Trinity BCP Morning Prayer

11.00 St Mary's Holy Communion

ECO tip for May

World Bee Day is on 20th May – why not help care for creation by looking after bees and other pollinators this month.

Take part in 'No Mow May' to allow bees access to wildflower pollen, and make water available. In the longer term try to grow more nectar rich flowers, shrubs and trees.

If you do not have a garden, window or balcony boxes are all helpful to give pollinators more chances to thrive.