

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

26th April 2026



Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Acts 2: 42 - end

Yvonne

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2: 19-end

Jeanne

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

John 10: 1-10

Fr Alex

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
ProceSSIONal	Christ triumphant ever reigning	104
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Peruvian
Gradual	The strife is o’er the battle done	667
Offertory	The Lord’s my shepherd I shall not want	654
Communion	Father, hear the prayer we offer	161
Recessional	Praise to the Lord, the almighty	573

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the **29th April 2026**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – APCM

Please note that our APCM will take place on Sunday 17th May after the morning's service. The report will be available in due course.

Deanery Synod representative

At our APCM we will elect a representative from the church to sit on a newly constituted Deanery synod. If you would like to put your name forward please take a nomination form from the back of church, complete it and return to Yvonne (PCC Secretary) **before** the APCM starts.

Church tidy up

Could you spare half an hour after the service on the 31st May to help tidy up the scullery and sacristy. Bin bags will be provided. Please let Jeanne or Phil know.

Ascension day service – 14th May

There will be a service for Ascension day at St Michael & All Angels church at 11am on Thursday 14th May.

Thy Kingdom come – 14th May to the 24th May

This year is the tenth anniversary of the worldwide call to prayer between Ascension day and the day of Pentecost. There will be an activity provided to help us keep to the ten days of prayer but you may want to make note of the dates in your diary.

Pentecost – Sunday 24th May

For those of you who like to sort your outfits out beforehand, we will be wearing red on the 24th May.

Christian Aid

We will be holding a collection to support the work of Christian Aid during the week beginning the 10th May. Envelopes will be ready soon. If you want to engage more fully with either the focus for this year's collection or the work of Christian Aid more broadly there is plenty of information available on their website

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Prayer list

We'll be refreshing our prayer list at the end of April. This means that we will take off the people who we are currently praying for and will compile a new list. If you would like a name adding to the new list please let Fr Alex know (and get their permission as well).

Cordoned off area

Please don't walk within the area that is cordoned off in church.

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Within all the activity and noise that wraps our lives within Hay Mill, may your voice be heard Lord, calling and coaxing your flock onward into an experience of life set free from all unjust worldly restriction and limitation.

Saint Benedict's church

Enable us merciful Lord to appoint to all the necessary PCC positions at our forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

As we prepare for our APCM, we give our heartfelt thanks Lord for all who have constituted the churches Parochial Church Council in times that have now passed. For their faith, wisdom and energy thank you Lord.

Saint Mary's church

May all who have attended the festival over this weekend, find peace and the love of God in everyone who they met and from the displays that were presented for them to see.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman, Kevin, Lauren, Paul, Ken Long, Alan Carter, Tommy Williams, Ronald Allen and Pat.

We remember those who have died in faith... Jayne Carter, Beryl Roberts, Peter Young and for those whose years mind is in April... Alfred Saunders, Jack Fern, Herbert Morris, Lena Macdonald, Emma Shaw, Sandra Sargent and Mark Taylor.