

ROTA FOR NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY 3 MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + BAPTISM

Presiding: Rev'd Nick **Preaching:** Rev'd Nick

Chalice: Lana **Prayers:** Jayne **Reader:** Charlotte

In our prayers this week....

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Beth Carr, Michelle, James, Ruth, Alfie, Steven Jones, Margaret, Hazel, Sandy Johnson, Simon Letchford, Laura Walker, Steve Fox, Lorraine McKew, Susan, Debbie Dunning, Albert Swales, Lisa Brown, Anne Brown, Tracey Porritt, Doreen Moore, Rachel Frost, Byron, Greta Longstaff, Patricia, Janet, Glenda Pratt, Peter Noble, Doreen Muirhead, Val Parker, Connie & Malcolm Robinson, Paula Ramsdale, Ame, Alison, Olwyn, Terry, Jamie, Gill Moody, Jackie, Colin, Keith, Angie, Christine.

Prayer for our Parish

As we plan and make decisions, God be our way.

As we learn and ask questions, God be our truth.

As we grow and as we change, God be our life. AMEN.

(Ruth Burgess)

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THE PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH

(St Chad's, Roseworth + St John the Baptist, Durham Road)

'Blessing our communities in Jesus' name for the transformation of us all'

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Today we welcome Tiana, Navayah
and Cohen into the church family*



THIS WEEK AT CHRISTCHURCH

NOTICES

Tues 28 April 10am Service of the Word (Lana) at St John's

Tues 28 April 11am Chat, Chew & Choose at St John's

Chad's Pantry: *Thursdays 9.30am—11.00am Sundays 9.30am—10.30am*

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:

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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.



First Reading: ACTS 2:42-END

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading: 1 PETER 2: 19-END

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.



Gospel Reading: JOHN 10: 1-10

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



Diary Dates for April

TODAY Sun 26th April 12noon PCC Meeting in St Chad's

Sun 26th April ALL REPORTS FOR APCM to Jenny Hodgson (PCC Secretary) by TODAY please.

Tues 28th April 7.30pm Stockton Deanery Synod at St John's, Durham Road. "Quiet Revival—sharing stories of coming to faith" (Church members are welcome to attend as observers)