

Service Sheet

3 May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Waltham St Lawrence Church! We are glad you are here. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the sidesman. You can find out more about the church on our website at <http://wslchurch.uk>



Revd Nnamdi Raphael Maduka - Vicar

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Reading: Acts 7:55-end

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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. **Amen.**

Festal Evensong:

Introit

Rise up my love - Healey Willan
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth.
The time of singing of birds is come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

Anthem

Da pacem domine - Arvo Part
Da pacem Domine, in diebus nostris
quia non est alius qui pugnet pro nobis
nisi tu Deus noster.

Give peace in our time O Lord
For there is no one else that would fight for us
but only you, our God.

Announcements:

Church Teas with Plant Sale this Monday 4th May at 2.00pm

Join us for the first tea event of the season on the Bank Holiday Monday in the church grounds. Come rain or shine, nothing like a cup of tea and homemade cake to cheer a day! *There will also be a raffle and some children's activities in support of Junior Choir.*

3G – Three Generations

3G is on every Thursday in the Neville Hall from 10 -12 for a warm gathering and happy space for all 3 generations.

Choral Festival 2026 – Saturday 16th May

On Saturday 16th May, five choirs will converge on Waltham St Lawrence for our annual choral festival - do come to the concert at 6pm and hear them sing a wide variety of music, and join together for the evocative Rutter "Requiem".

Free admission, interval refreshments, all in aid of TearFund.

If you're able to help with catering or logistics on the day, please contact Simon (07717 472974 simon.shaw@wslchurch.uk)

PCC Vacancies

PCC members are responsible for our church's financial affairs, maintenance of assets, and promoting the church's mission. We have two vacancies and we welcome your input and involvement and passion for our church. If you are interested, please speak to Nnamdi or email him on vicar@wslchurch.uk. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

Confirmation

Contact Nnamdi or Gillian (Church Administrator) if you are interested in Confirmation. As a general rule, anyone who is over 10 years old, baptised and can answer for themselves could be ready for confirmation. Please email churchadmin@wslchurch.uk.

Streaming of services

If you're unable to attend a service, you can still stay connected and not miss a thing! Our services are streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@servicesfromwalthamstlawrence>
Main service is at 10.00am on 2nd 4th and, 5th Sundays and at 10.30am on 1st Sundays (All Age Service – *not streamed*) and on 3rd Sundays (Communion) - after St Lawrence Cafe at 9:15am. Choral Evensong is at 6.00pm on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Donations

We want this church to be here for generations to come, and we're truly grateful for every contribution people make. You're always a valued Friend of St Lawrence Church, whether you attend services or not. During the offertory/Collection hymn please consider donating to Waltham St Lawrence church. You may find it easiest to do so using the QR code below, or by using the link, <https://tinyurl.com/wslldonate> or with the card reader located in the middle of the church. If you would like to find out about regular giving to WSL, please speak to the Vicar or to a sidesman, or any member of the PCC.



Message from Revd Nnamdi Maduka

Please know that I am available should you wish to speak, whether for pastoral support, prayer, or simply a conversation. Do not hesitate to contact me; I would be glad to arrange a time to connect with you.

Phone: 0118 997798 Email: vicar@wslchurch.uk



B - Begin your day with
L - Love on your heart
E - Expect blessings ...
S - Share goodness
S - Shine like the sun
I - Inspire someone
N - Never forget that
G - God is with you

Please feel free to take this home